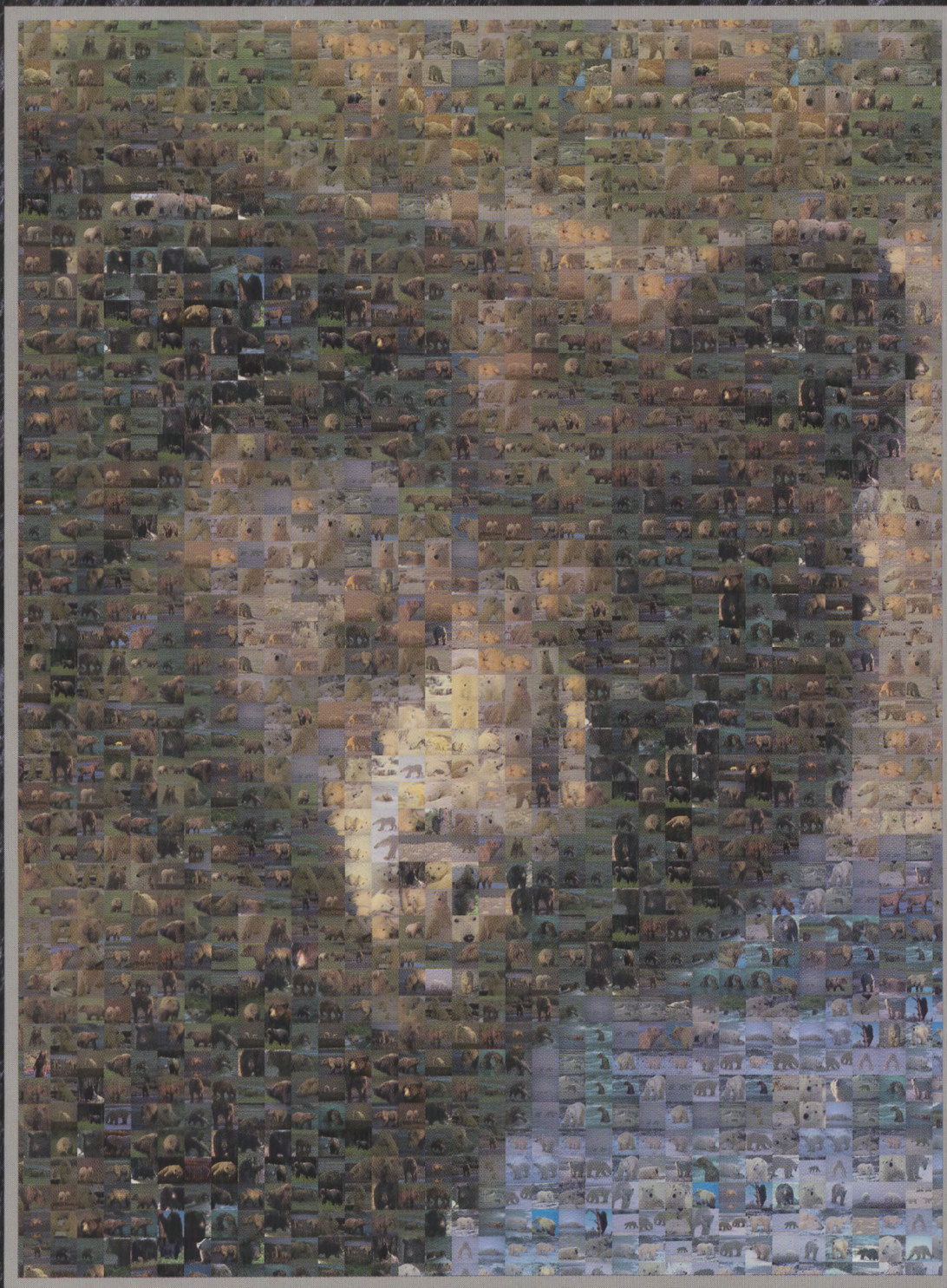


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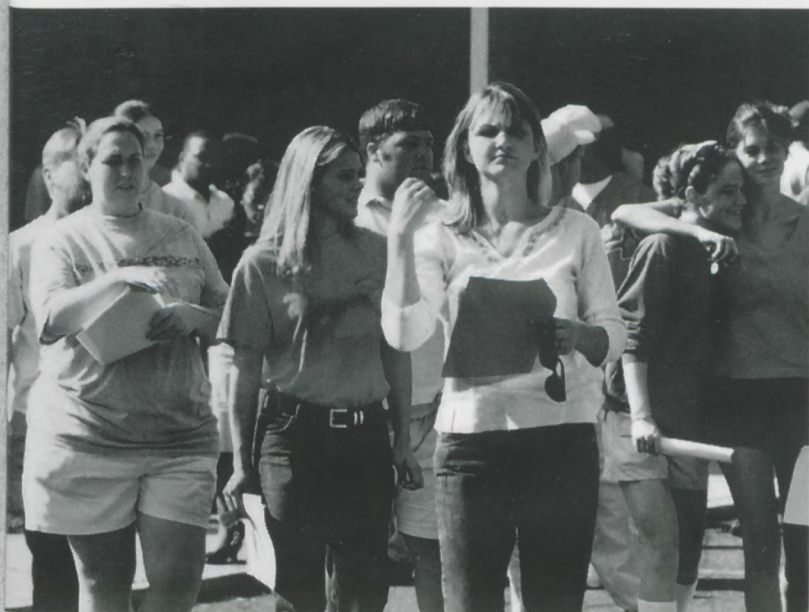


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# Welcome to BEAR Country

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he hot, August days of registration, the noise of crashing helmets at football practice, and the sound of trumpets blowing in the scorching, summer heat during band practice announced the beginning of a new academic year.

During a hot afternoon practice, members of the percussion section find a cool spot beside Bear Lake to heat things up. Beginning violin lessons at an early age, freshman Katrina Pittman provides the entertainment for members of the Institute for Learning in Retirement during a fall luncheon on campus. Whether practicing outdoors beside Bear Lake or performing indoors for an attentive audience, students who become Bears have opportunities to share their talents with others.

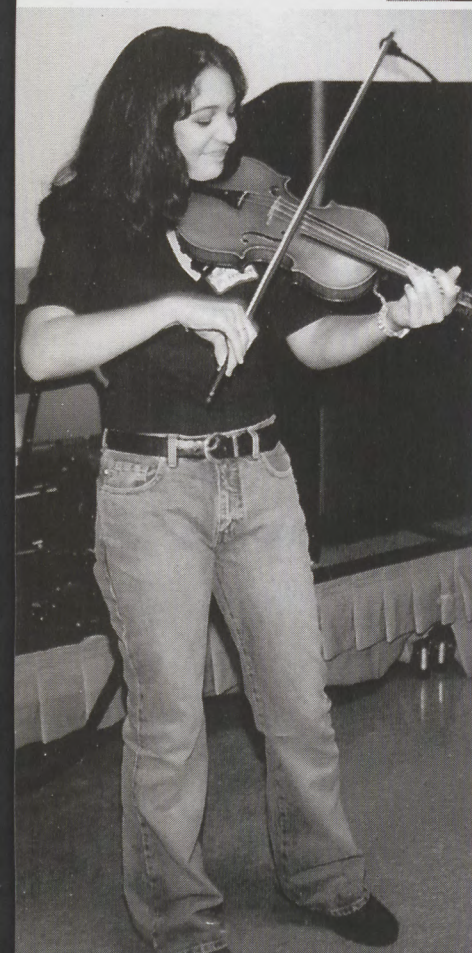


Serving its four-county district of Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson counties, Southwest welcomed students from its district as well as those from surrounding counties and states. Approximately 1,700 eager, anxious students became the newest members of the Southwest

Bear family. They filled the campus and classrooms to prepare themselves for the workforce after completing a two-year program or to gain a two-year, educational foundation before transferring to a senior college.

To the Bear family, these students were essential, vital, crucial, central, and necessary to fulfill Southwest's mission in southwest Mississippi. Their separate individualities, talents, and backgrounds joined with Southwest's aesthetic beauty and outstanding faculty, administration, and staff to form the perfect mosaic.

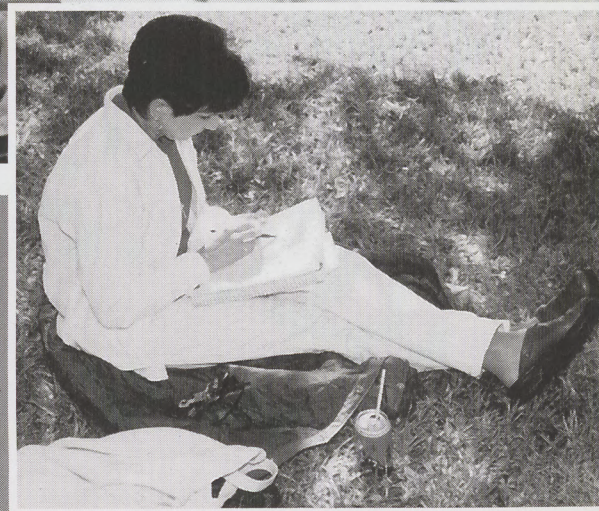
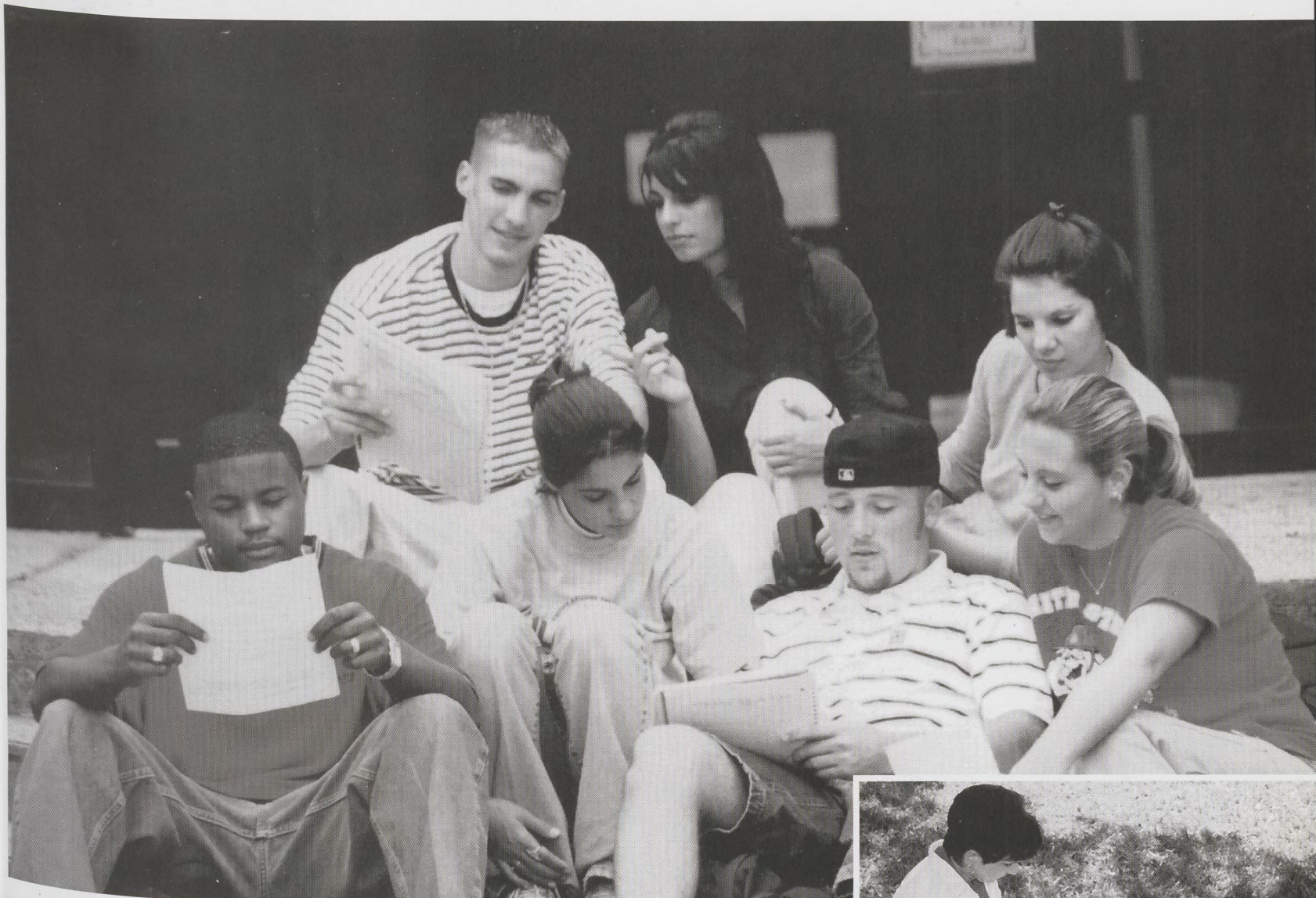
Here, on the playing fields and campus grounds and in the classrooms, dorms, library, and grill, students learned more than the bare essentials - they learned *Bear Essentials.*



The students who cross Bear Lake daily view the bridges of Southwest as their connector between classes, yet, more importantly, Southwest serves as their connector to success.



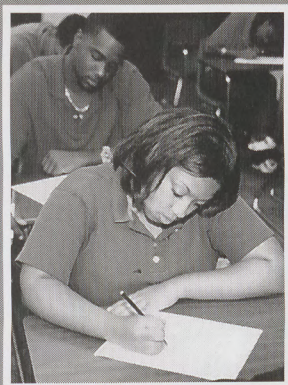
Students like Leal McMullen, Jessica Monistere, Jessie Baham, Natalie Owens, Dustin Easley, Dana Monistere, and Charlsa Turner soon discover that group study reinforces learning and affords students the opportunity to make new friends at the same time. Other students, however, prefer to do as Cathy Singley...find a quiet spot to relax and study under a shade tree on campus that is far away from others.



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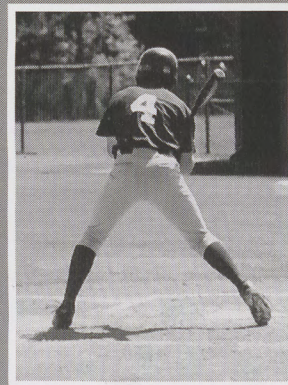
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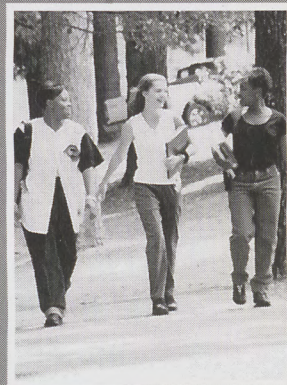
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## Southwest's beauty bears beholding...

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nyone who drives through campus notices its beauty and continued growth. Understanding how essential an atmosphere conducive to learning is to student success, Southwest endeavors to expand its facilities and services while maintaining the campus' aesthetic beauty.

When on campus, take a closer

look at Bear Lake, located in the center of campus. You may see Labrador Retrievers taking a summer dip, turtles basking in the southern sun, duck houses awaiting new nests, or azaleas flanking its eastern shore.

Yet, Southwest's beauty extends beyond the lake. In spring, blooming dogwoods dot the campus grounds, lantana greets visitors to Kenna Hall, and roses

near the Administration Building beckon you to take a smell. With each changing season, the campus truly comes alive in a kaleidoscope of colors.

Whatever your occasion for entering campus, you'll not leave without noticing its grounds. Why? Well...essentially, they're breathtaking.







# STUDENT LIFE

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*Bear Essentials*



With her pillow and bedding under her arm, Yolanda Bates prepares for her new home and her new adventure in campus living.

**W**ith a new academic year beginning, anxious freshmen and returning sophomores filled the dorms and classrooms. On moving day, boxes lined the entrance to the girl's dormitory as they fashioned their new home with the comforts and conveniences of the one they left behind. Along with books, pencils, pens, and paper, students brought TV's, refrigerators, computers, cell phones, radios, and other "essentials" to aid in their adjustment to campus life.

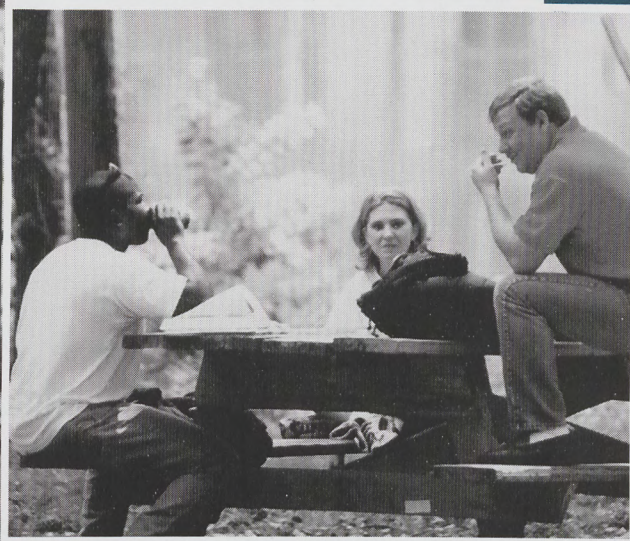
These necessities, coupled with eager spirits, ensured that student life for these new journeymen, these new Bears, would be successful.





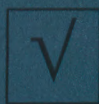


After being thrown into the flames by football captain Joe Hill, the Co-Lin Wolf lies limp and lifeless. The following night, the Bears showed no mercy on the rival Wolves as Southwest smoked Co-Lin 50-7, a score that included three touchdowns by Joe Hill.



Nursing students Rodrick Shanks, Christine Sharkey, and Bryan Tate take a much needed break to discuss lectures, recent tests, and ongoing clinicals.

While voting for class officers, Tabitha Crossley seeks advice from Katie Perry as Amanda Aldridge shows her ID before beginning the voting process.



## *Making Adjustments*



# Bear Necessities Day

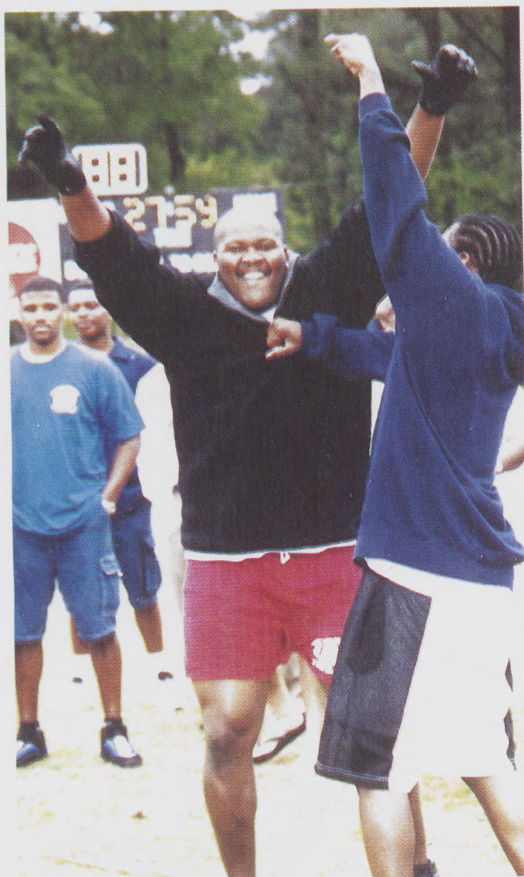
*time to spit, push, tug, throw, run, hop ...*

Eric Powell, Jacob Prim, Andreco Hines, Terrance Haywood, Jeremy Miles, and Roy Williams dig in to remain the last men standing.



Sylvia Scott, Brenda Alexander, Melissa Williams, Misty Stevens, Terri Wheat, and Erika Rogers determine that tug of war is one event they are "knot" going to lose.

After grabbing the victory, Jamie Jackson and Rocky Smith celebrate a job well done.







vercast skies failed to cast gloom on Bear Necessities Day 2000. And, why would it? For one day each spring, students leave the classrooms and gather on the football field with friends and fac-

ulty for a day filled with events where pushing, spitting, tugging, hopping, running, and throwing are the necessity skills for success.

The one mile run opened the day of competition. Rather than participate,

many opted to save their energy for upcoming individual and team events.

The individual events of the tobacco spitting contest and the softball throw attracted male and female alike. For some, the plug of tobacco entered foreign territory; for others, it was a routine experience. Regardless of prior expertise, all attempted to obtain the right "mixture" to spit the distance. With the chalk settled and winners crowned, it was time to hurl softballs, where competition was fierce.

Although spitters marked their spot

and hurlers launched their way into history, it was the group events that created lasting memories of their days as Bears. Tug of war pitted muscle and brawn against each other as teammates strategically placed themselves along the knotted rope. It was truly the survival of the fittest.

The laughs and the action continued as teams dug in for the truck-push and geared up for the three-legged race, which required synchronized steps and speed. If the challenges hadn't pushed the teams enough, the relay race stole any remaining energy.



Understanding the pressures of production, the *Whispering Pines* staff members, consisting of Leigh Ray, Jessica Couvillon, Alanna Felder, Keri May, Yashundra Holloway, and Johshonda Fleming, stand up under the opponent's pressure and produce a win.



Between morning and afternoon events, Tommy Hennesy and Kenitra Cook squeeze in some time for lunch.

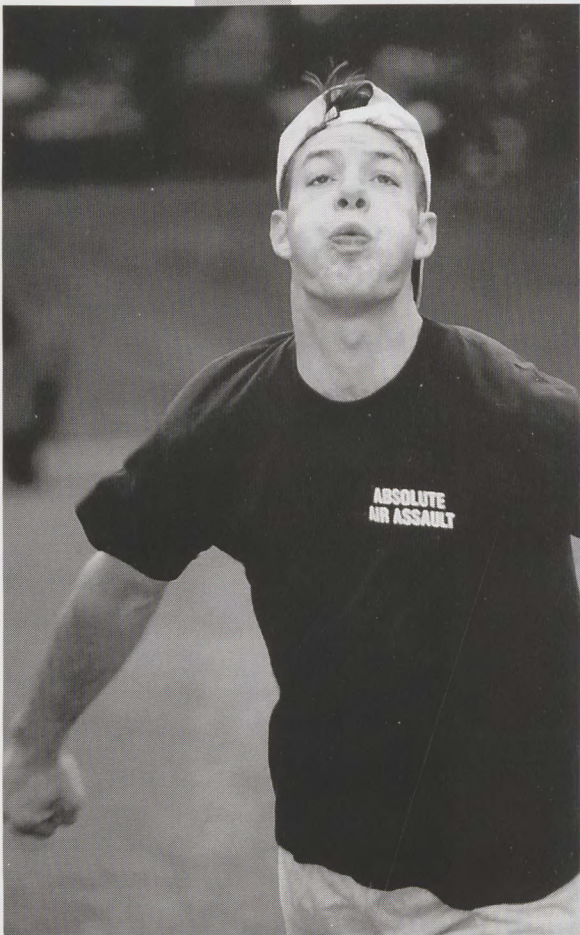
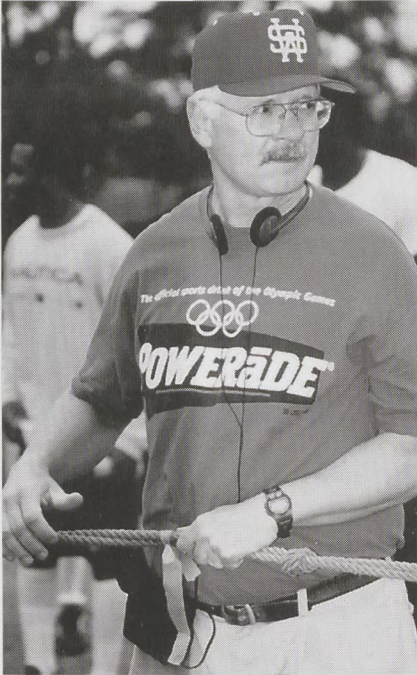


Mitch Sawyer, Clayton Crawford, Kelly Reid, Mike Mabry, William Bird, and Ryan Martin put their muscles to the test.

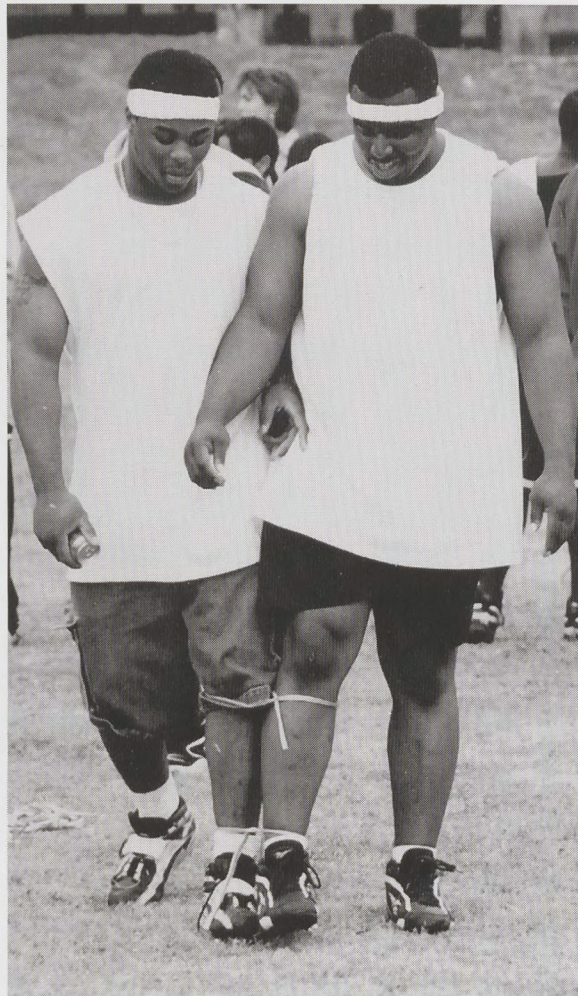


With a quick exchange, Megan McGinnis continues the race Leslie Sumrall began. By the end of the day, Megan and Leslie, along with teammates Florence Wansley, Darrah Johnson, Mary Leigh Harvard, Monica Weary, and Christy Horton, had won it all.

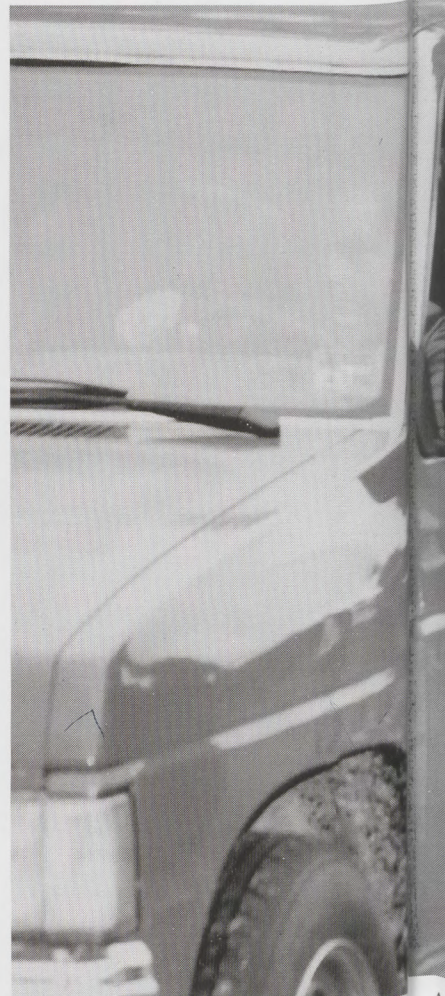
Bear Necessities Day gives instructors like Paul Dancisin a chance to mingle with students outside the classroom. Earlier that day, Paul was a contestant too as he ran the one-mile run.



Relying on his military background, James Hughes puckers, aims, and spits the tobacco projectile through the air toward the chalk target.



Muscle power may be the secret to Eugene Thompson and Jonathan Breasher's success on the football field, but this sport requires coordination, unity, and speed.

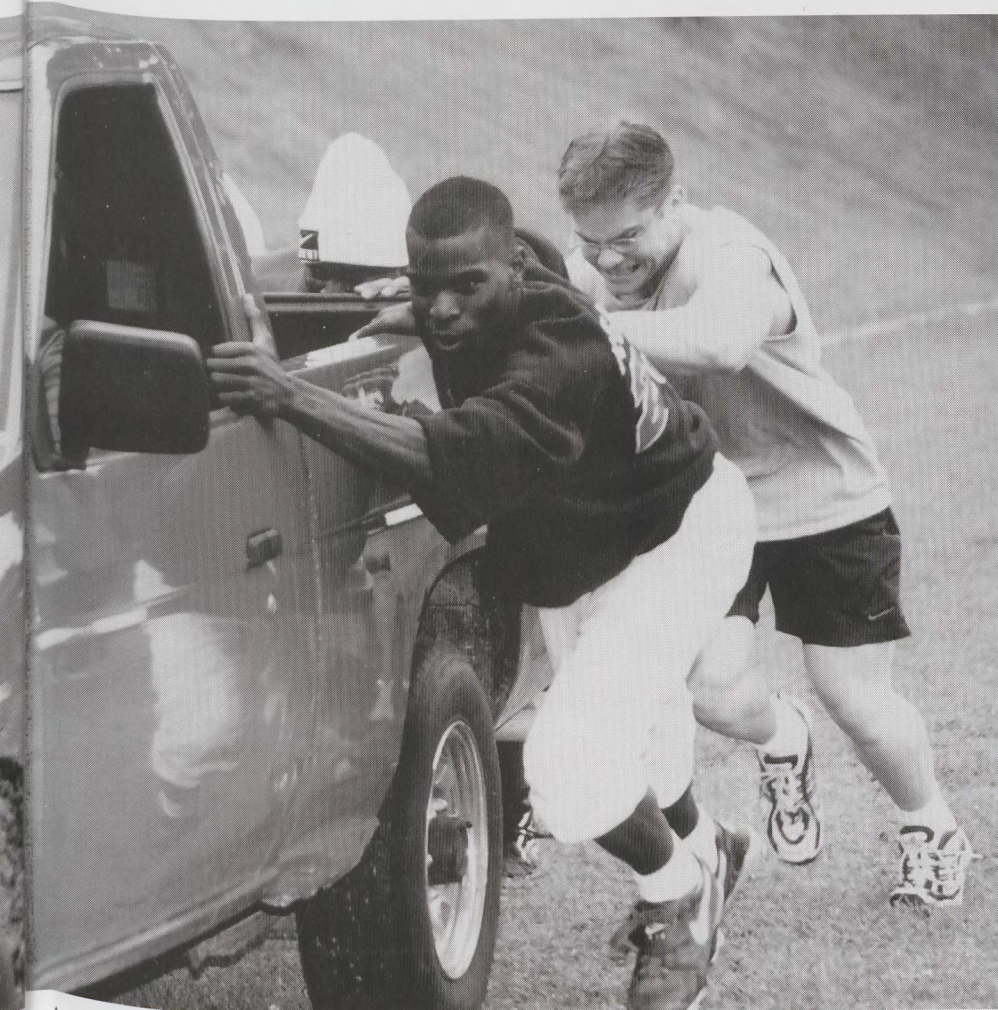
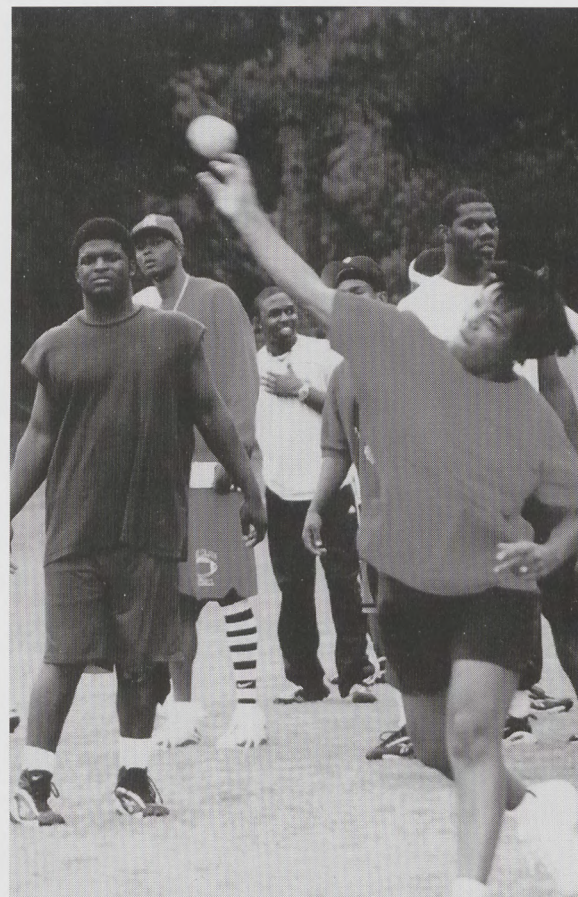




Eric Powell refuses to take things in stride as Glynis Matthews stretches into the lead.



In individual competition, participants threw themselves into winning the event.



As the whistle sounds, Daniel McGaffeny and Jeremy Satterfield hope their team shoves the vehicle in record time. At the finish line, William Dunn cranks his truck, circles the field, and prepares for the next boost.

## ...and rain

The arrival of food temporarily stopped the day of fun and folly. Under cloudy skies, participants and on-lookers took a break from the action long enough to enjoy a picnic style lunch prepared and delivered by the cafeteria staff. Fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, cookies, and soft drinks filled empty stomachs, but an afternoon of scheduled events gave little time to soothe aching bodies until the bitter end.

Shortening the competition, afternoon showers finally prevailed and forced the Bear "Olympics" to come to an early close before the dizzy izzy and the egg toss. As participants scurried for cover, scores were tallied inside, and the weekly newsletter listed the winners.

The rain may have dampened bodies, but it botched any attempts it may have had to dampen Bear spirits or to extinguish life-long memories of the day when comrades and foes met to spit, throw, run, tug, hop, or push their way into history.





# Stage Band Shows *create* *memories to last "Through the Years"...*

W

ith mixed emotions, attendees of the much awaited and anticipated annual spring band performances filled the auditorium for each performance of the Spring 2000 stage band shows. Entitled "Through the Years," the show was a bittersweet experience for all. A somber tone mixed with the music, dance numbers, vocals, and featured solos as all realized that these performances were the last under the direction of Shelton Whittington, who retired after directing

375 shows during his 25 years at Southwest. Yet, "Mr. Whit" refused to succumb to the atmosphere and kept an upbeat tempo all night long.

A simple, yet elegant set, designed by Jeff Brown and Ashley Wust, complemented the band. Beginning with "Celebration," "Over the Rainbow," and "Watermelon Man," the band provided non-stop action until its finale "America the Beautiful." By curtain call, thunderous applause erupted as crowds jumped to their feet in appreciation to

these students and stars.

Mixing song with dance, Reflection, under the direction of Carolyn Smith, took the audience back through the years with their renditions of "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Stop in the Name of Love," and "My Girl." The dancers, directed by danceline choreographer Kellie Anders, continued the show's momentum as they danced to "Footloose" and "I Will Follow Him."

Throughout the evening, musical numbers featured clarinets, flutes, saxophones, trombones, trumpets, bass guitars, and other sections and members of the band. Taylor Young, singing "Wildflower," and Nikki Thomas, singing "All the Things You Are," were the night's featured soloists.

Tammy Smith, Cheramie Henagan, Dennis Freeman, and Della Hamilton made the audience want to go south of the border with their rendition of "Hot! Hot! Hot!"

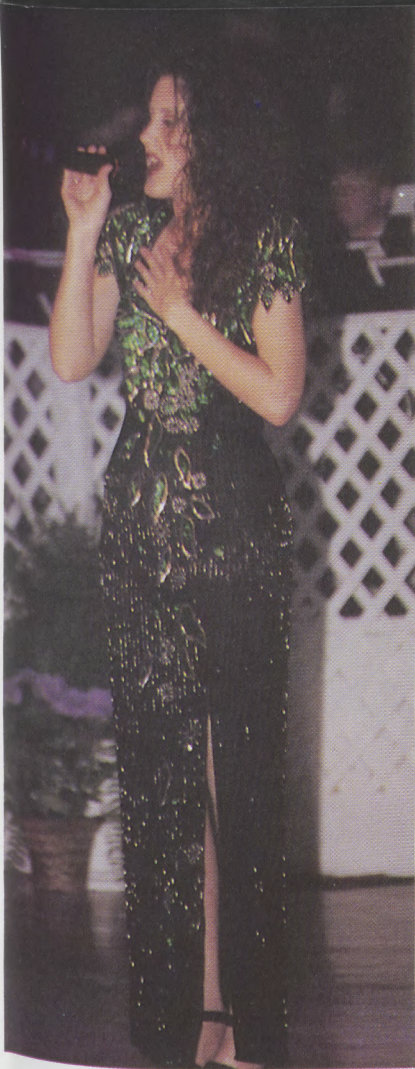


During their featured number, Chris Coleman, Aaron Alford, Robert Martin, Mike Krantz, and Chris Sharp put the audience "In the Mood" to hear more.



The simple, elegant set reflective of the Big Band era provided the perfect mood to take listeners back "Through the Years."





Nikki Thomas takes time to name "All the Things You Are" through song.

*Show Band Dancers:* Myra Reeves, Lauren May, Christy Higgins, Megan Dykes, Micki Jo Marsalis  
 Their talents revealed in "Footloose" and "I Will Follow Him" added an element of poise and grace to the shows.



Through the misty haze, Zane Wust awed the audience with "Malaguena."



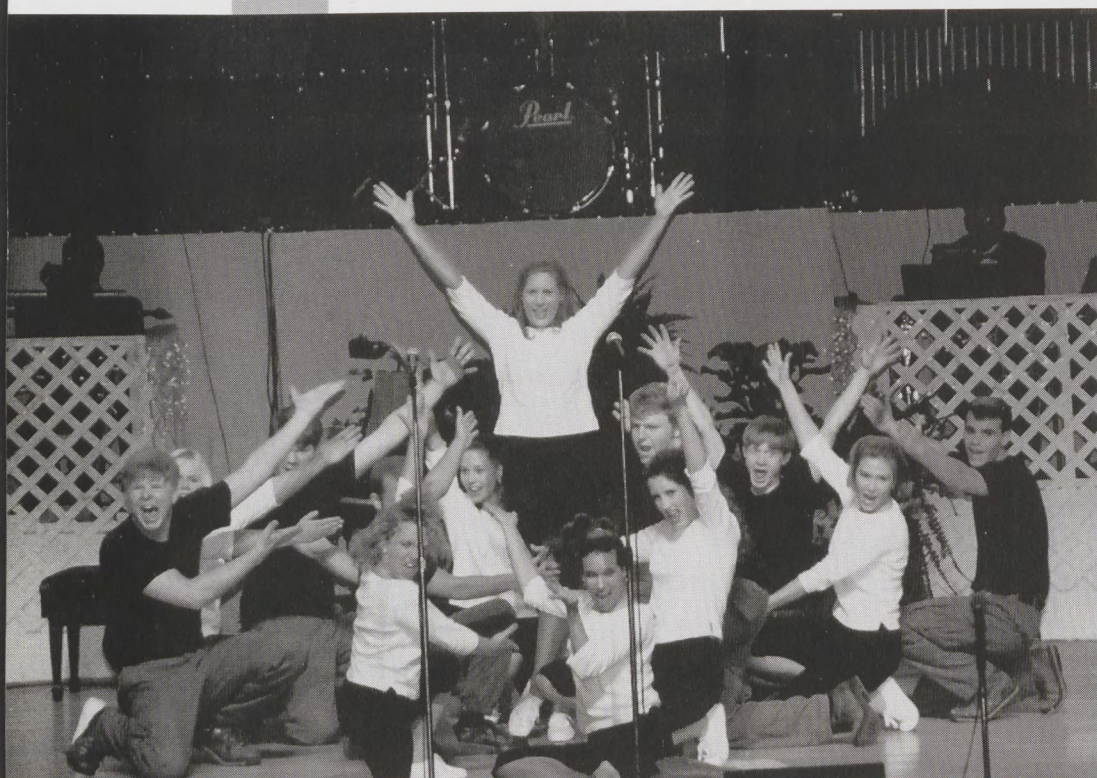


*Reflection:* Chasity Braswell, Lee Rider, Maggie Herrin, Kyle Touchstone, RaKel Rink, Shannon Dye, Taylor Young, Nikki Thomas, Aaron Alford, Courtney Applewhite, Jonathan Small, Catherine Wall; not pictured, Michael Graves

During the year *Reflection* met weekly for practice, performed for area schools, entertained campus visitors, competed in competitions, and rehearsed for stage band shows. Their audiences reaped the bountiful fruits of their labor.



Singing "Wildflower," Taylor Young slows the tempo down before the stage heats up with its next number "Hot! Hot! Hot!"



*Reflection's* hands may be outstretched, but the crowd puts its hands together in a thunderous applause for *Reflection's* performance of "Steppin' Out."



After hearing Michael Graves, Jonathan Small, and Lee Rider sing "My Girl," everyone wanted to be their girl.



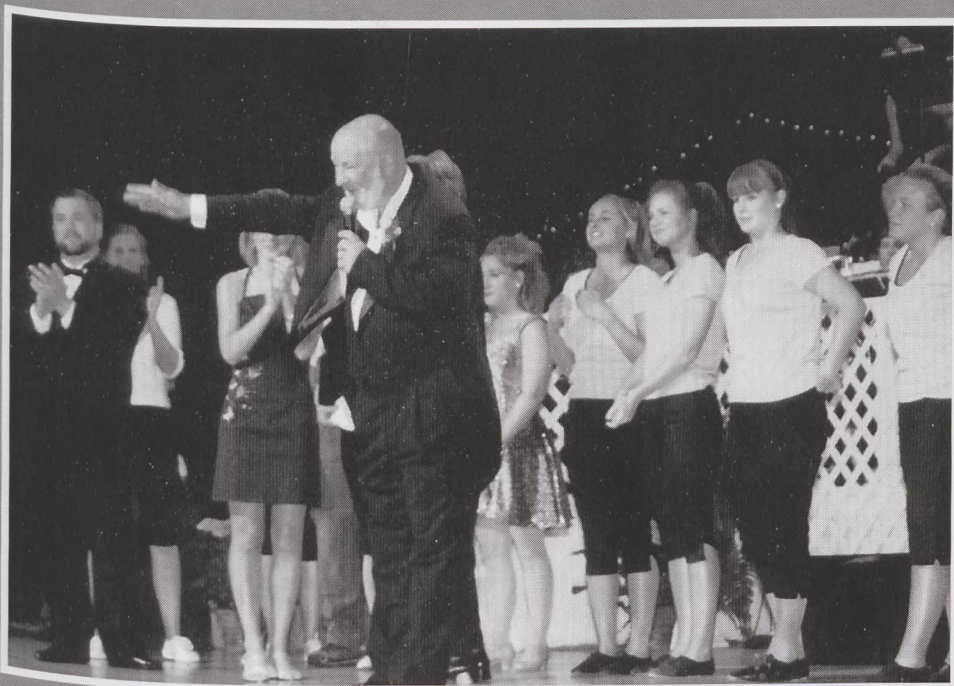
Dancing to "Footloose," Myra Reeves and the dancers loosen up the audience.



Singing "America the Beautiful," Lee Rider, Joe Elliot, Russ Greer, and Shelton Whittington blend their voices in unison to pay tribute to our great country.



## ... as Southwest says farewell to a legend



Surrounded by colleagues, friends, and students, Shelton Whittington waves one last time to the cheering crowd. In an earlier interview he stated, "I will miss working with the students, and my only wish is that the program will continue to grow."

During the final performance on Saturday night, Shelton Whittington received a fitting farewell. Former students and current associates paid tribute to a man who had truly influenced their lives far beyond the scope of a Southwest stage. And in his usual humble tone, Shelton pointed outward and upward, rather than inward, and acknowledged others for his success.

By the end of four performances, the band, the dancers, and Reflection had created enough memories to last its viewers through the year...well, at least until the Christmas shows. However, it was Shelton, beginning back in spring 1975 with that one performance attended by approximately 250 people, who had created wonderful memories during the past 25 years that would last the public, the students, and yes, even himself, "through the years."



# Students bear heat during Fall Registration

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he scorching, summer sun, with temperatures in the upper 90's and heat indexes above 100 degrees, made fall registration almost unbearable for new and returning students.

Approximately 800 students, however, avoided the heat and the registration lines by taking advantage of early and mail-in registration. Rather than tracking across campus in the August heat, these students continued their summer break past the August 15-16 registration dates.

In turn, registering students experienced shorter lines, thus shorter waits, so all benefited from early registration.

Students exiting Kenna Hall had an opportunity to receive a free Bible, courtesy of the Gideons. Upon exiting, waves of heat greeted them, but the waiting Coke wagon, sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, helped to revive hot, weary students by furnishing free cokes. With papers and cup in hand, students moved from Kenna Hall to the administration building for the second leg of their journey.

The bookstore was the final stop. Here, students sought assistance from the friendly staff and student workers and loaded themselves down with books, manuals, and other course necessities. Breathing heavy sighs and wiping sweaty brows, they were finally ready for a new semester.

The heat may have caused some inconveniences, but it failed to discourage students. By registration's end, approximately 1,700 students had enrolled in classes to gain the essentials for a better tomorrow.

After receiving a warm welcome, incoming freshmen leave Freshmen Orientation in the Fine Arts Building to meet with their advisors before beginning their quest for knowledge.



After a hectic morning of verifying schedules, meeting with advisors, making IDs, and paying tuition, Chasity Beal receives her books, which officially makes her a Southwest Bear.

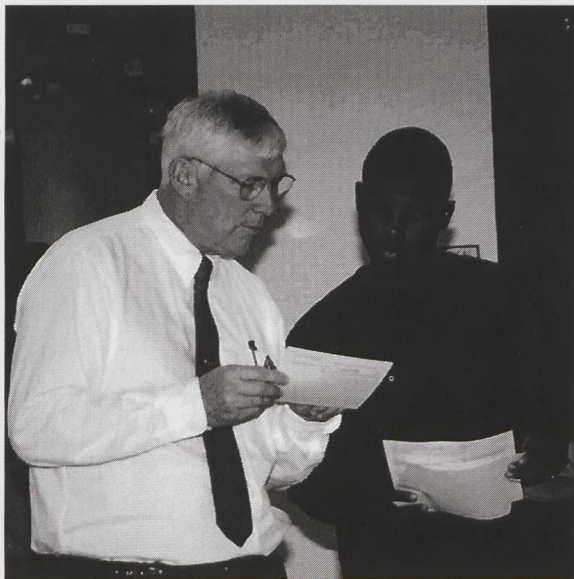


When students like Charlton Grey see Jo Ann Boyd and Judy Davis in the Business Office, they know that only one more stop remains...the Bookstore.





After completing the first phase of registration, Gideons greet students with a smile and a New Testament.



Taking a closer look at the class schedules, instructor Bob Simmons guides Derrick Matthews in the right direction.



Jim Quin, an avid Bear and one of the newest Board members, braved the heat to man the Coke wagon.



Joined by his daughter Haley and his niece, nursing student Larry House waits patiently as Breeze Alford searches for Tabitha Jone's schedule. With more and more non-traditional students returning to college, registration oftens becomes a family affair. Both young ladies enjoyed their time on campus...not only were they with their dad and uncle, but they also thought they saw Brittany Spears!





# Fans sizzle, spirits soar at Bear Jamboree

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ast year's successful Bear Jamboree created a new tradition. Even the extreme heat at this year's jamboree failed to deter the Bear spirit both on and off the field.

With registration behind and the daily routine of classes, home-

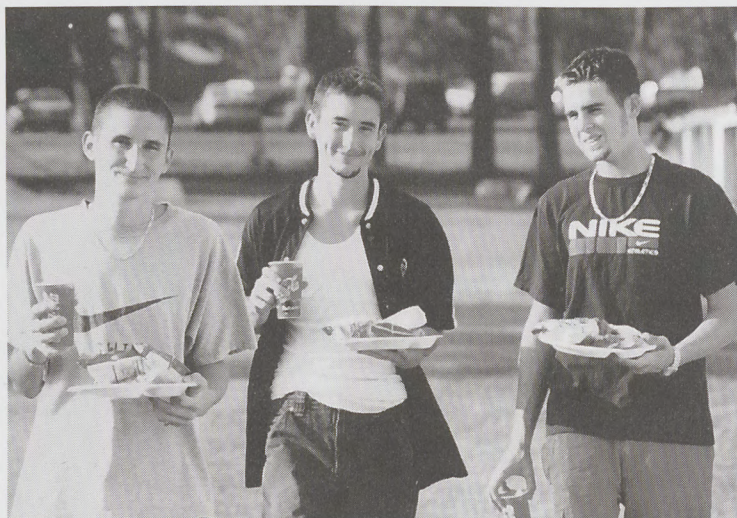
work, papers, reports, and labs ahead, new and returning students gathered in the stadium to enjoy pizza, hot dogs, soft drinks, and chips before academics heated up. Both old and new friends joined in the fun as they cheered with the cheer-

leaders, jammed with the band, and watched the mighty Bears scrimmage. It was a chance for band, cheerleaders, and football players to refine skills necessary for a successful season of fall football.

For some fans, it was their lucky night. Officers of the Student Government Association, sponsored by Dean Oliver Young, awarded door prizes, furnished by local merchants, to both students and faculty. By the night's end, fans left with memories and gifts.

As the afternoon sun faded and a full moon peeked through the clouds, participants returned to their dorms and homes. The cold sodas served by the Bear Trackers to the crowd in the August heat might have quenched each fan's thirst, but the Bear action on the field left fans thirsting to see more of their favorite team.

Bear fans Kevin Burdette, Samuel Griffin, and Dustin Hanna grabbed pizza, cookies, and cokes and headed to the stands to watch the action.



As they go through their pre-scrimmage drills, Tramaine Jackson, Eugene Thompson, Joseph Jones, and Travis Weathersby step up the action.



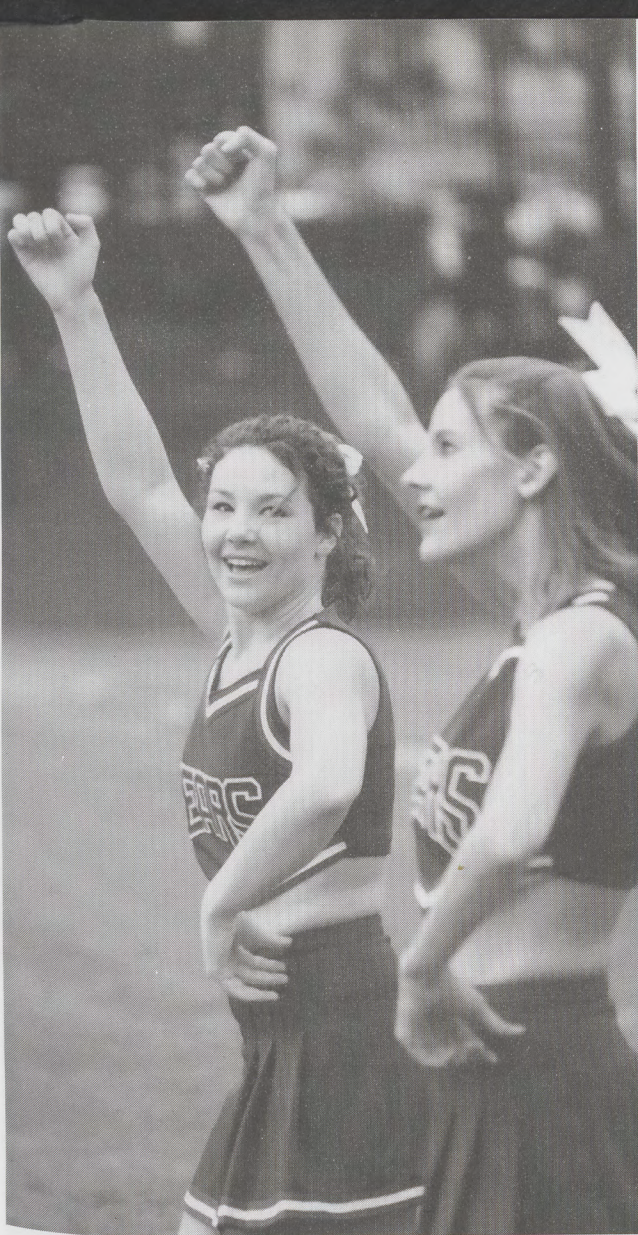
As SGA President Catherine Wall announces the door prize winners, each attendee hopes to hear his/her name called.



Taking a break from playing for the crowd, the Southwest Marching Band chat with each other.







Freshman cheerleader Michelle Wilson takes her cues from veteran cheerleader Heather Furr. As a sophomore, Heather was co-captain for the squad.

Escaping the clutches of Lonzo Walker, Nick Tynes, and Otis Chester, Jeremy Miles gains some yardage for the offense. Bear Jamboree gave coaches and players a chance to evaluate the team before opening season.



Enjoying an evening with friends Frannie Hebert, and Amber McCormick, Jamie Hoatland and companion Zoe prove that school spirit sees no boundaries.





# Homecoming 2000 *takes us* *"Farther Than We've Ever Been Before"*

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s friends, students, and alumni gathered for Homecoming 2000, they celebrated Southwest's 71st anniversary. A weeklong celebration, packed with activities, busied all.

Each day, students, faculty, and staff had opportunities to dress in differing attire - camouflage, college, twin, millennium, and school spirit day. For some, the dress attire was a natural; for others, it proved to be challenging. With the opening of bow season, deer hunters gloried in adorning their best camouflage on Monday. Twin day on Wednesday was more difficult because it is a fashion "no-

no" for two ladies to have identical outfits, yet some overcame the stigma and viewed it as an opportunity to shop. By far, the most challenging dress request was Thursday's millennium day. Few participated, but those who did, glistened and shined all day.

A Wednesday night pep rally and bonfire warmed things up. Held behind the Humanities Building, cheerleaders, teammates, students, and friends got the football team and fans fired up for the approaching game against Gulf Coast.

Thursday night continued the action with the annual Homecoming dance, planned and decorated by the Student Government Association. Emphasizing the homecoming theme, "Farther Than We're Ever Been Before," dancers en-

tered the cafeteria to find a starlit night and half moon awaiting them.

Alumni events filled "Big Game Day." Those returning to campus after an absence of several years got their first glance at the construction of the new Student Union-Cafeteria Building, planned for completion on June 2, 2002. An annual alumni reception was held in the afternoon, followed by the banquet where the Homecoming Court, Alumnus of the Year, and Sports Hall of Fame inductees were honored.

As the perfect ending to a perfect weekend, the Bears growled past the Bulldogs with a 55-19 win. For members of the Court, Bear team, and alumni honorees, Homecoming 2000 took them farther than they had ever been before.

Melissa Van Norman, Idalia Brecheen, Amanda Aldridge, Natalie McGraw, Lindsey Talbert, and Candace Floyd take 1st Place in the Best Decorated Dormitory Door Contest.



The Student Government Association's display welcomes attendees to Homecoming 2000 and the Alumni Banquet.







With minutes remaining before half, Andreco Hines eludes the Bulldogs and moves the ball upfield. By night's end, Hines had led the Bears to a 55-19 romp over the Bulldogs.

During the Alumni reception, President Holmes chats with Dee Young of Quitman, Mississippi. She, along with other friends and family members, was on hand to honor her step-father, Paul V. Dixon, as Alumnus of the Year.

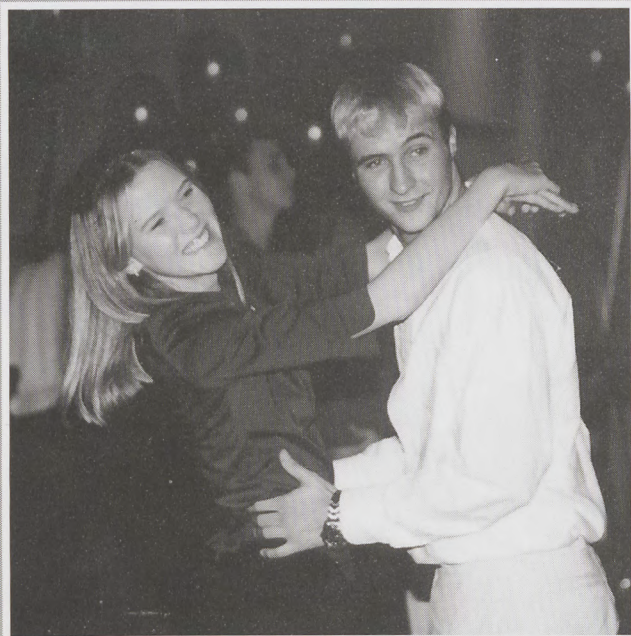
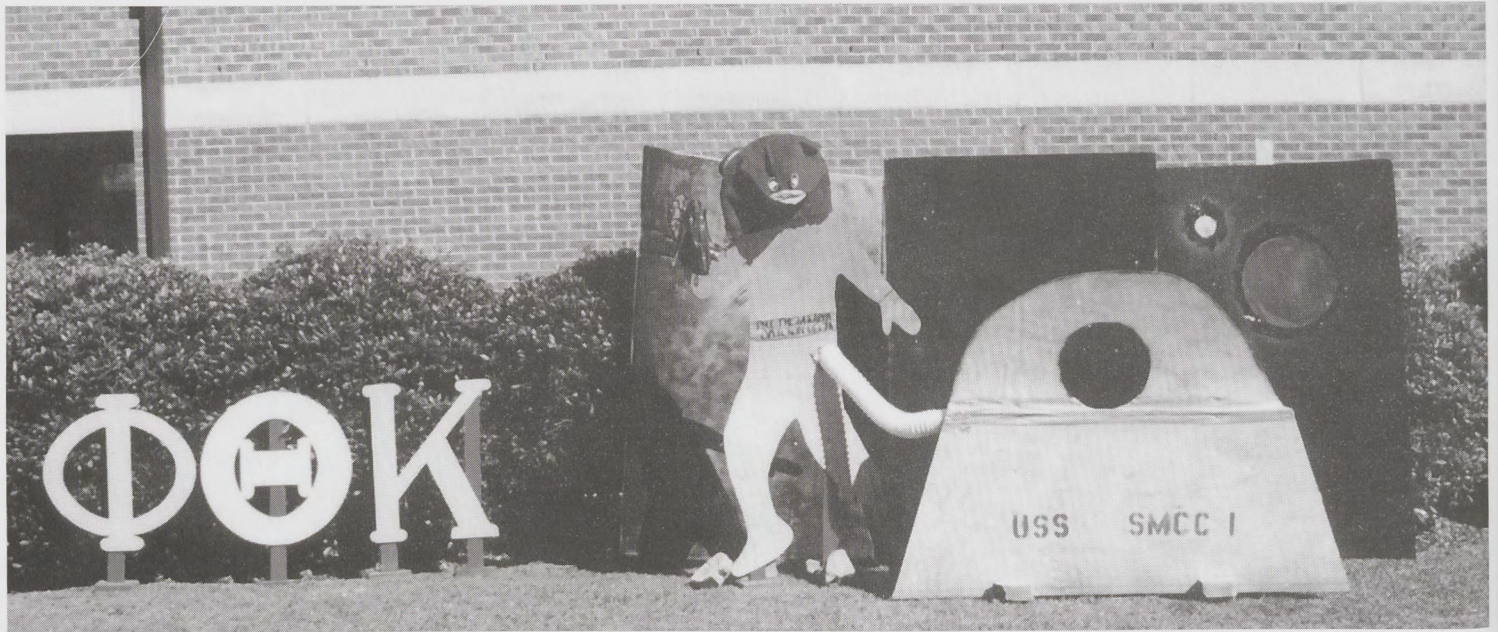


The long awaited night arrived for the Queen and her Maids to dazzle the crowds with their grace and their beauty. After being introduced at mid-field, the Court enjoyed the game from the sidelines.

Homecoming Queen Megan McGinnis charms the crowd with her smile. In addition to her studies, Megan stays busy with her many campus involvements, including danceline, women's softball, SGA, and Bear Trackers.



Located in front of the Administration Building, the Phi Theta Kappa display welcomed visitors who came on campus for Homecoming 2000.



## Homecoming Dance 2000

For many, Homecoming Dance 2000 was the highlight of the week. Couples and singles danced the night away beneath stars and planets. Dancing with date Terry Mitchell, Joeline Cooper flashes a smile at the other dancers, while Krishenia Williams, dancing with Roderick Hayes, tilts her hat at the right angle to avoid the bright, glaring lights. Realizing that a date is not essential for a good time, Kristina Ashley and Amanda Aldridge join the action on the dance floor. The smiling faces proved that SGA, once again, had planned and executed a successful event.



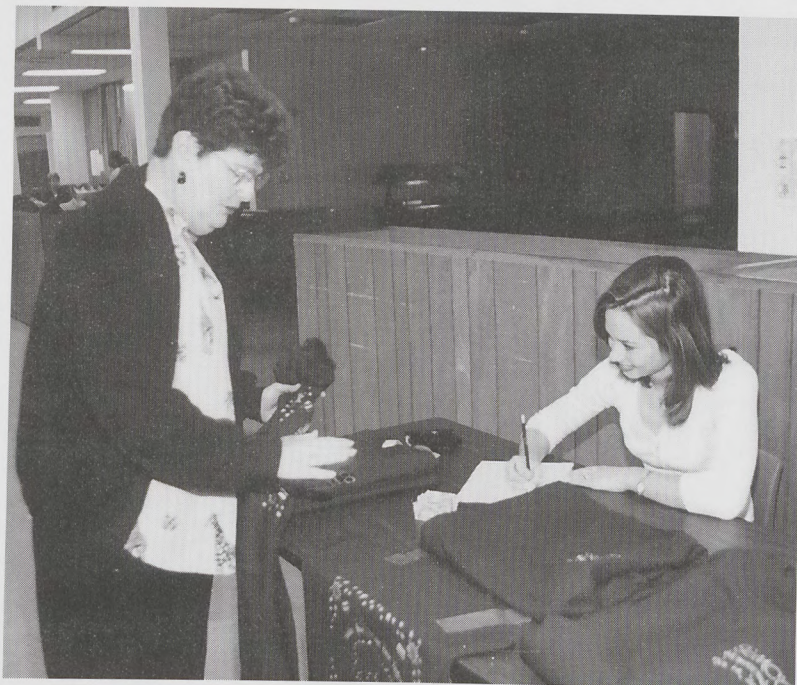




Homecoming Queen Megan McGinnis helps to put the finishing touches on the decorations for the Homecoming Dance.

The Kenna Hall display encourages students to go farther than they've ever been before.

Assistant Librarian Maxine Bierbaum purchases a Homecoming T-shirt from Catherine Wall to add to her collection of SMCC clothing.



**W**ednesday night's pep rally, held in the Horace C. Holmes Gymnasium, lit the way for Saturday night's 55-19 romp over Gulf Coast. Entering the gym, illuminated by a light show, Bear fans cheered with the cheerleaders, listened to the band, and watched as members of the nationally ranked, 5-1, Bear football team displayed their karaoke talents. To many's surprise, the players could "carry a tune" as well as they could carry a football.

Dorm residents got into the action, as door decorations went up. First, second,

and third place prizes were awarded for the best decorated dormitory doors. On Saturday morning, various campus organizations erected Homecoming displays across campus to welcome incoming guests.

But, it was the days before Saturday, the week of Homecoming 2000, that furnished non-stop activities. With the daily crazy dress attire, the pep rally, and four days of classes behind, Thursday night was the night to dress up, dazzle, and dance the night away under a blanket of stars at the Homecoming dance. Jambox

Productions was on hand to play an assortment of numbers, including requested songs, and to capture the event in a photo. Excited, laughing faces showed no signs of fatigue induced by a week of frenzy.

By dance's end, midnight, only hours remained before the big day — the day when alumni would honor their own, when the Queen and her Maids would be honored at mid-field, and when the mighty Bears would bring honor to their institution.





# — HOMECOMING COURT —

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ach year the student body elects their peers to serve as Homecoming Court royalty. To qualify for selection, each young lady must maintain a 2.0 GPA

and must receive written nominations by ten people. At the end of the nomination process, Student Services personnel verify nominees, create ballots, announce voting dates and locations, man the voting boxes, tally votes, conduct run-offs,

and announce winners.

This year's election was fierce. The narrow margin between nominees for Freshman Maids prompted officials to select four maids, rather than the usual three.

When the elections ended, the true race began - the race to find the perfect dress before the big night when the Queen and her Maids would be introduced to the cheering crowd as members of the 2000 Homecoming Court.

*Charlsie Whetstone*  
Student Body Maid



**Crown Bearer:**  
*Samuel Alford*

**Flower Girl:**  
*Laura Ellett*



*Lana Seals*  
Sophomore Maid



*Valyncia Taylor*  
Sophomore Maid



*Melissa Williams*  
Sophomore Maid



# 2000

*Megan McGinnis*  
Homecoming Queen

*Christy Marsalis*  
Freshman Maid



*Kristina Ashley*  
Freshman Maid



*Takesha Issac*  
Freshman Maid



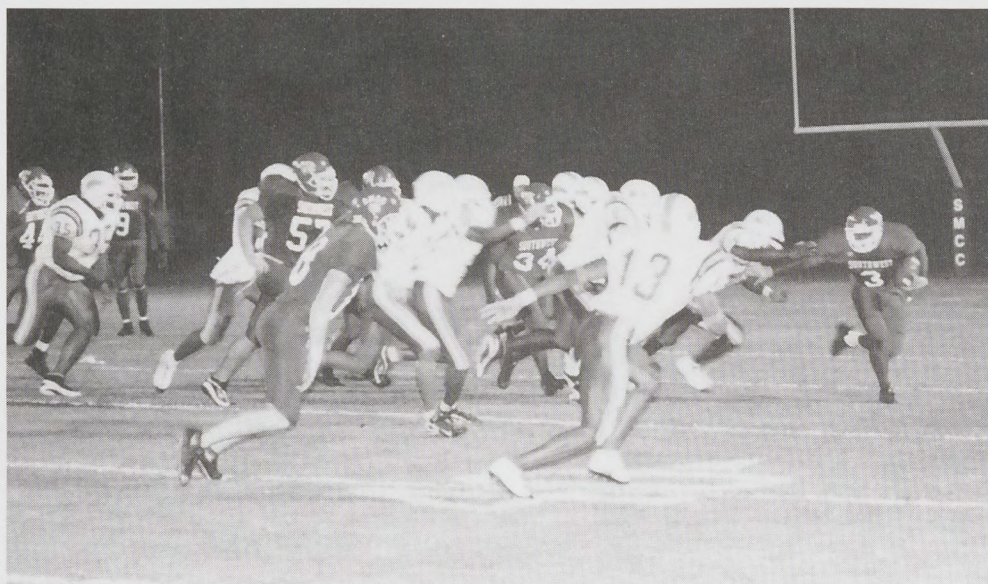
*Dee Dee Lott*  
Freshman Maid



As each "royalty" moves across the field, the Marching Band performs in her honor.

Receiving necessary attention from trainers, Nick Tynes discovers the meaning of "No Pain, No Gain."

Alonzo Ard rushes to the outside to gain yardage for the Bears. This rush was one of twenty rushes for Ard, who picked up 118 yards and a touchdown against Gulf Coast.



October 14, 2000, finally arrived. For Homecoming Queen Megan McGinnis and her eight Maids, they could honestly say they were "Farther Than We've Ever Been Before."

If the week hadn't been busy enough for the Court, Saturday afternoon brought a continuous flow of events, beginning with the Alumni Banquet, where President Holmes introduced the Queen and her Maids to the attendees. After the introduction, the honorees excused themselves from the banquet and rushed to curl hair, reapply makeup, slide into their flowing gowns, and hurry to the field, where shiny cars and cheering crowds awaited them.

As their cars circled the field before being formally introduced at mid-field,

Queen Megan McGinnis and her Maids smiled and waved to faithful supporters. Escorted across the field, the Maids watched as Homecoming Queen '99, Courtney Applewhite, officially crowned Megan as Homecoming Queen 2000. Although the crowning ceremonies had ended, the action on the field continued as the Bears charged onto the field to begin their pounding of the Bulldogs.

And, with a convincing 55-19 defeat of Gulf Coast, a pounding it was. Quarterback Andreco Hines and backs Alonzo Ard, Jeremy Myles, and Jacob Prim, and wide receiver Joe "Thrill" Hill led the Bear offensively. By game's end, Hill's 625 yards on 30 receptions made him second in Region 23 statistics in receptions.

Defensively, linebacker Nick Tynes led

the Bears with 13 tackles. Defensive back Don Gibson had eight tackles, while linebacker Kelvin Morris, lineman Kevin Turner, and linebacker Travis Wesby all had seven tackles. While Morris managed two sacks, Tynes and Roy Williams each managed a sack of their own.

When Homecoming 2000 ended, the memories lingered. The victory over Gulf Coast had added another win to the team record, the Sports Hall of Fame had inducted two former athletes, the Alumni Association had named the Alumnus of the Year, and the students had accumulated a week of memories from their days as Bears. For all, Homecoming 2000 had taken them farther than they had ever been before.





Thanks to Laura Graves, Peaches the Bear is the Queen of Hearts to many Bear fans.

As Courtney Applewhite crowns Megan McGinnis, Megan beams with excitement. For many young ladies like Courtney and Megan, being crowned Southwest's Homecoming Queen is a dream come true.



As her car circles the field before the cheering crowd, Charlie Whetstone, Student Body Maid, waves to her well-wishers.

Secretaries Diane Cooper, Nelda Huffman, and Debbie Hodges take advantage of "Twins Day" to become twins + one.





# Alumni Honorees

## *go the distance*

During the Alumni Reception, alumni member Alton Moore listens as Sharon Lawson visits with Missy King and her daughter Miranda.



Returning to Southwest to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame, Glenn Moore chats with other Bear supporters before the banquet begins.



Cecile Alford and Sue White take the opportunity to reminisce about their days at Southwest.



After viewing the *Bear Prints*, Honoree Paul Dixon shares the details of the story with Bear Trackers Amy Freeman and Laurie Lyn Ah Ping.





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ot only is Homecoming a special time for current students, but it is also a much anticipated event by former students who return to the campus to remember their days as Bears. It is a time

when they too honor their own.

The fun-packed weekend for alumni, family, friends, and students included an annual cookout, alumni reception, and banquet. Saturday morning before the big game, the band moved the activity to the grove to host a barbecue. The event proved that talented musicians can be talented chefs as well. The afternoon reception brought honorees together for a time to fellowship and reminisce about their days as students. During the alumni banquet, Paul V. Dixon received the Alumnus of the Year Award, and Glenn Moore and Charleen S. Newcomb were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Alumnus of the Year recipient Paul Dixon received his Associate of Arts degree from Southwest in 1947. Prior to attending Southwest, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pre-aviation cadet in 1943, attended Penn State as a cadet in 1944, graduated from the U.S. Air Corps as a pilot, and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in May 1945. While at Southwest, he was the student body president and chairman of the Student Council.

After graduating from Southwest, Dixon

continued his education at the University of Mississippi, where he pursued and received a law degree. Beginning his law practice in McComb, he was recalled to active duty as a pilot in 1951. In 1952, he returned to McComb and his practice, but his time in public law was short-lived. Recalled to active duty once again in 1956, he remained with the Air Force as a Judge Advocate until his retirement in July 1973, after 30 years of service.

Even after retirement, Dixon has remained active by serving in leadership roles in various civic organizations, including his term as past president for the SMCC Alumni Association. He is presently serving as President of the SMCC Institute for Learning in Retirement.

Inducted into the SMCC Sports Hall of Fame, Glenn Moore was a 1987 Southwest graduate. While at Southwest, he played first base and outfield on the baseball team and tight end on the football team. Chosen to participate in All-State and All-Region teams, his efforts on the Bear fields did not go unnoticed.

After leaving Southwest, Moore obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993 from Northwestern State University of Louisiana in 1993. Beginning as a volunteer assistant women's softball coach there, he became the official assistant women's softball coach in 1992. His coaching career has taken him to Amite School Center, William Carey, and Louisiana State University, where he

led the Lady Tigers to two consecutive Southeastern Conference Championships in 1999 and 2000. Currently, Moore is the head women's softball coach at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

The second inductee into the SMCC Sports Hall of Fame was Charleen Smith Newcomb, a 1955 graduate of Southwest. While at Southwest, Newcomb was a member of the state championship women's basketball team of 1954 and was involved in various organizations across campus.

Newcomb continued her education by receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Miami in 1968 and her Masters degree in administration from the University of Tennessee in 1979. During her career, she coached basketball, track, and softball and was named "Teacher of the Year" twice. After thirty years in the teaching field, Newcomb retired in 1999.

With Southwest as their background and years of experience in the professional world, Paul V. Dixon, Glenn Moore, and Charleen S. Newcomb join the ranks of many before them. They have gone the distance from their early years at Southwest to become recognized, celebrated alumni. Achieving this notoriety from the "home" crowd shows they are farther than they've ever been before, but for these alumni, these honorees, they have many more miles to go before their journeys end.



Sports Hall of Fame inductees Glenn Moore and Charleen S. Newcomb join Alumnus of the Year Paul V. Dixon at the alumni banquet held in their honor.





# Campus Mini-Events, *essential in many ways*

**T**hroughout the year, particularly during the fall semester, the campus buzzed with many activities that may have missed the passing eye. Although they may not have made the newspaper or drew attention from the

entire student body, these mini-events were important functions.

In Spring 2000, a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) team conducted an on-site visit for reaccreditation purposes, which occurs every ten years. After years of planning and

preparing, Southwest maintained its SACS accreditation.

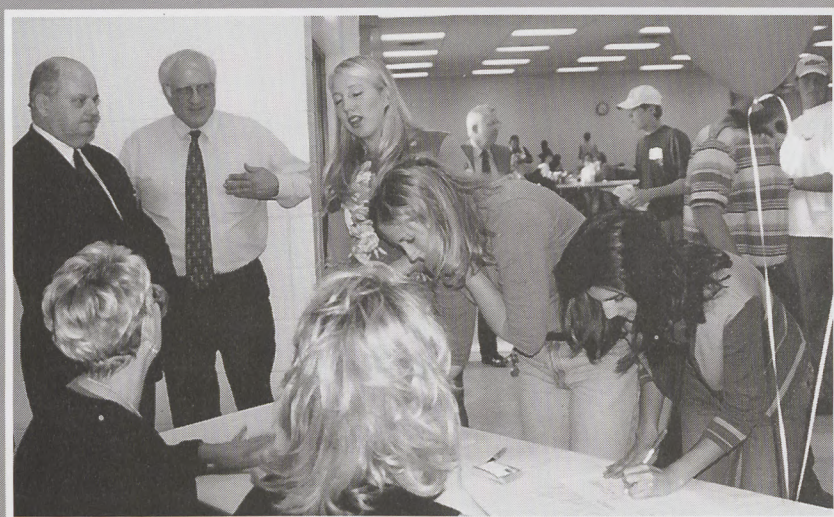
As tools for recruitment, Southwest hosted Tech Prep students for a morning of classes in a college environment. After receiving a warm welcome and after listening to Reflection, students tracked across campus to attend "classes" of interest. On October 19, 2000, Southwest hosted "Discover Southwest Night," a time for all area high school seniors to meet faculty and staff, to enjoy refreshments, and to receive a free ticket to the SMCC-Coahoma football game.

Several annual events keep students involved. The annual blood drive drew the fearless and the fearful, but all understood the importance of "giving it up" to benefit another, so they gave willingly and freely. An early September sunrise greeted students and faculty of all denominations who gathered together for a time of praise, songs, and worship. Their appearance in front of the cafeteria for the "See You at the Pole" rally showed their willingness to take a public stand for Christ.



## *Discover Southwest Night...*

As the visiting team from SACS leave, all involved in the lengthy process breathe a sigh of relief.



As high school students entered the Cafeteria-Student Union, they registered and listed pertinent information for further contact. Then they mingled with Bear Trackers, administrators, and faculty, such as history instructor Merrielyn Ginn, where they learned information about Southwest that would be beneficial to them in making their college choice.



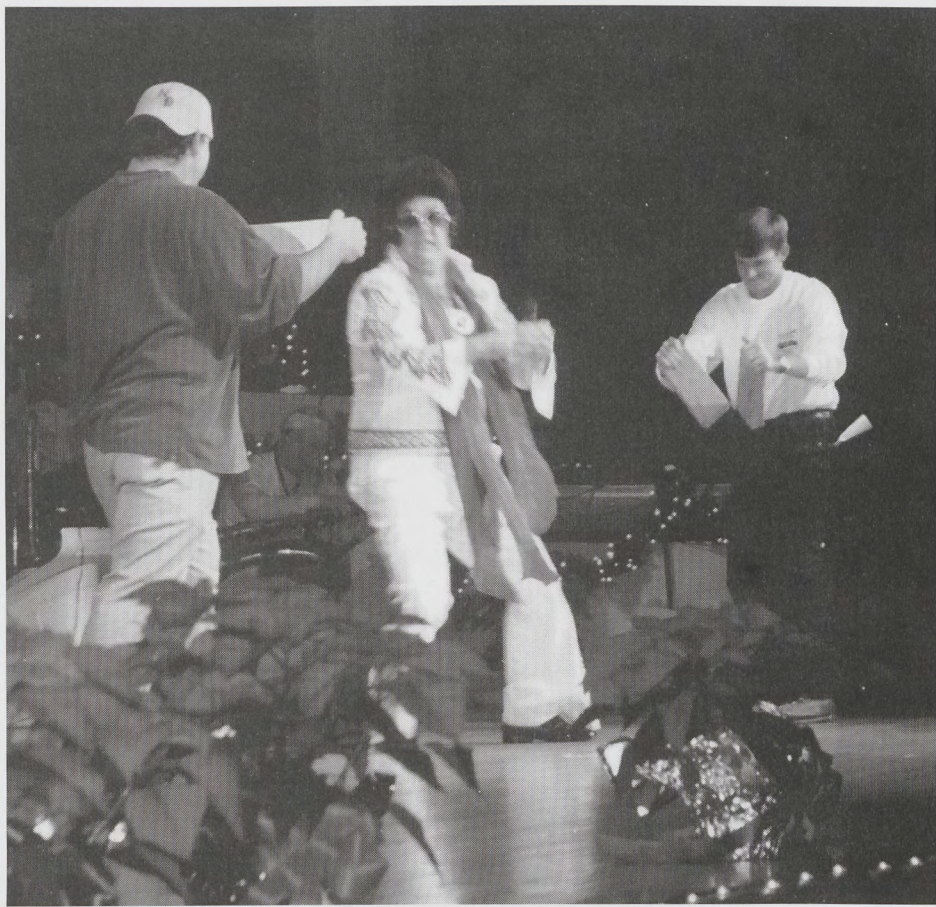




## Elvis lives...

During each Stage Band Christmas performance, Elvis dazzles the audience with his strong voice and his physical strength...and people thought Elvis appeared only at local Burger Kings.

Thanks to Joe Elliott, Elvis really did come alive at each performance, but one question lingers...what will Joe do next?



## McComb Fire Department gains fans...



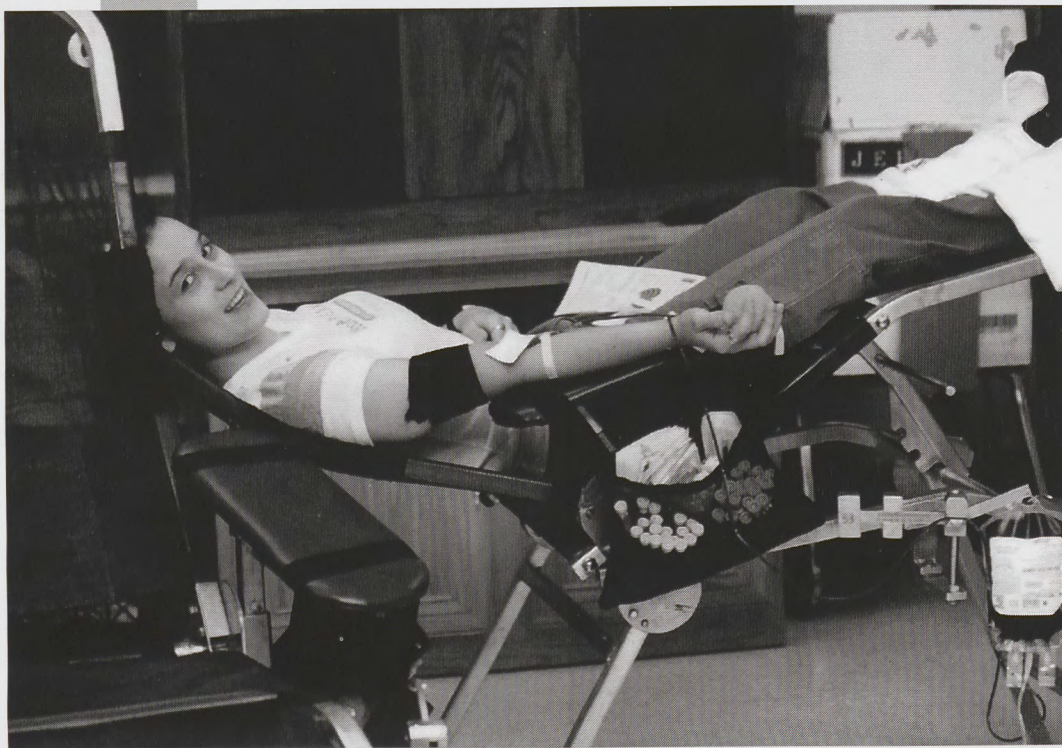
After listening to explanations by fireman Warren Agnor, Tom Bass, assisted by volunteer fireman Stan McMorris, tries his hand at the hose.







Dressed in black, feathers, and frills, Darline Hutson smiles when she arrives before the bewitching hour, but at 8:00 sharp, not midnight, Dr. Elaine M. Coney flies in to kiss her favorite pig. Although students did not qualify for the "Pig Kissing Contest," Tammy Smith, Lee Rider, Louie Coumbe, and Isabel Allen were winners afterward by wearing the "Best Costumes" at the Costume Dance.



For some, giving blood makes them feel squeamish and faint, but Paige McKinney shows how easy giving blood really is.

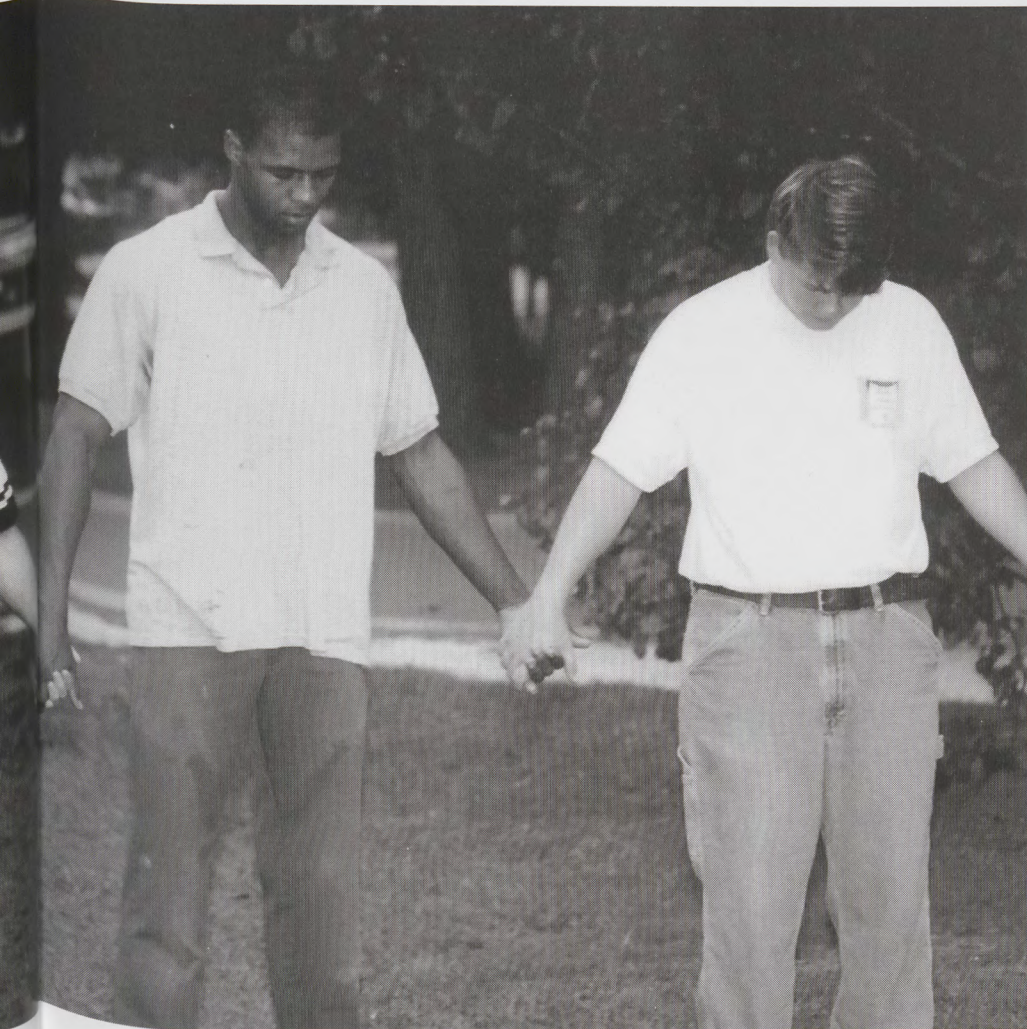
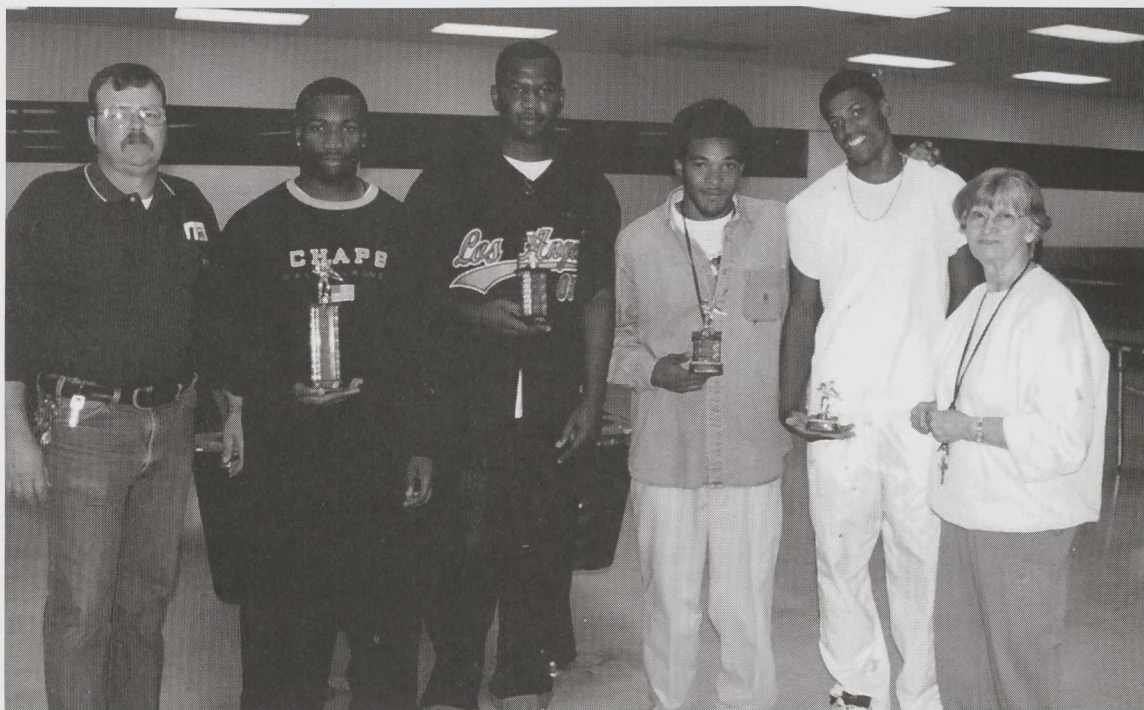
Uniting hands and hearts at the "See You at the Pole" rally, Josh Greer, Mitchell Shropshire, Dan Sykes, and others unite to pray to the same God.







Practice does make perfect as Carlos Thompson (1st place), Dennis Magee (2nd place), Isaac Green (3rd place), and Michael Washington (4th place) discover when they win the pool tournament. Carl Davis, Chief of Security, and Joan Baker, Recreational Building Hostess, watched all of the action.



## ...and more

Other events appealed to the young and the old. To teach the young about the dangers of fire, the McComb Fire Department brought a truck and "real" firemen to educate the children in the childcare program about the dangers and warning signs of fire. Since few of the young remember Elvis, his appearance at the Christmas Stage Band shows may not have made an impact on them, but for the older Elvis fans, his appearance confirms that Elvis lives!

Those who could not wait for an event to happen, such as the Costume Dance sponsored by the PTK on Halloween, created their own event by going to the grill to meet friends, study, eat, or refine their pool skills. And, their efforts were not in vain, as several emerged as winners of the annual pool tournament.

Campus mini-events — essential for life, learning, leisure, and laughter.



# ACADEMICS



With books piled high, Cole Gatlin gears up for his studies.

**S**tudents soon learned that computers, textbooks, and other school materials were only educational tools. It was how they used these tools that determined true success. Their ability to discipline themselves to study, to work cooperatively in group assignments, and to divide their time among work, fun, friends, family, and school challenged students and prepared them for a world beyond textbook assignments.

Thus, it was in the academic arena where Bears made the grades and learned the essentials for the workforce or for continued study in a university setting.



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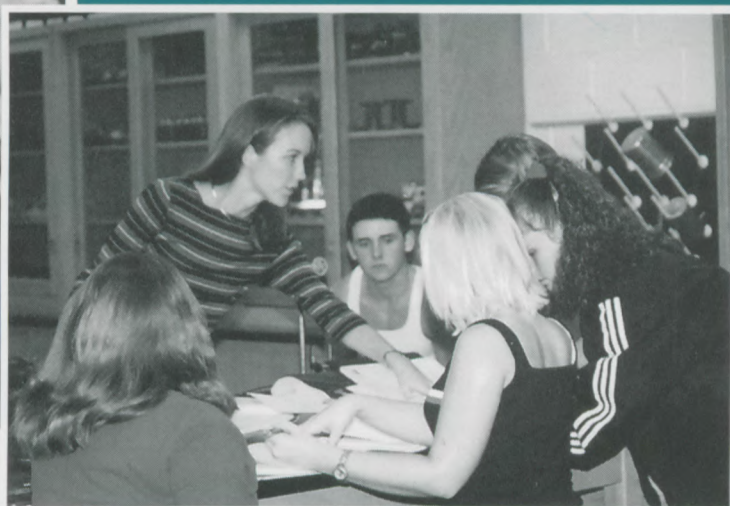
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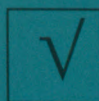


By experiencing the joy of painting, Krishenia Williams, Kimberly Roberts, Tameka Robinson, and Tamara Caston learn activities to enhance the creativity of their future students.



As group members John Buford Walsh, Melissa Morgan, Christy Higgins, K.C. Ellzey, and Sarah Hutson search for correct answers, Karla Carpenter points out important results to consider.

Preparing to drill a well on campus, Well Construction Technology students Cary Thompson, Ryan Boyd, and Joey Savorgnan watch as Ben Welch and T.J. Kennedy ready the rig.



## *Making the Grade*

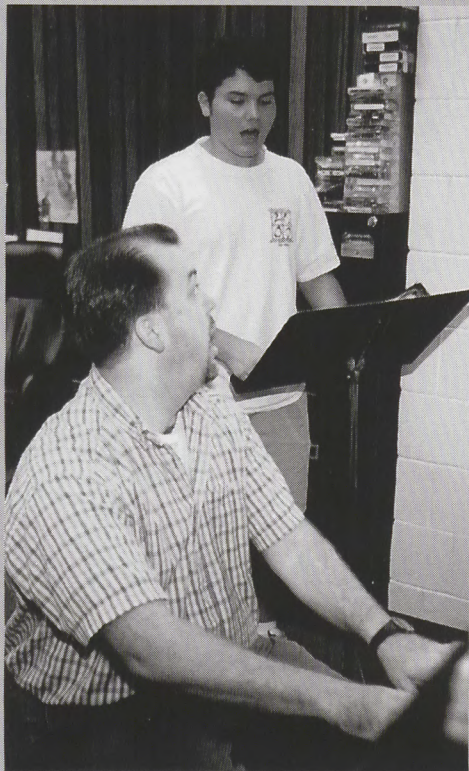


# **fine arts**

# *Essentials*

Wanting her students to possess expert knowledge in the fine arts, instructor Connie Lambuth explains the omnichord and the autoharp to students Kelly Smith, Rebecca Brown, Corey Deer, Theresa Travis, and Julie Huff. By learning these instruments, these Music for Children students can share their knowledge with those they teach.

Looking back, Joe Elliott helps voice student Shane Adams reach the high notes.



Freshman Kristy King, an elementary education major, takes a serious approach to her creation.



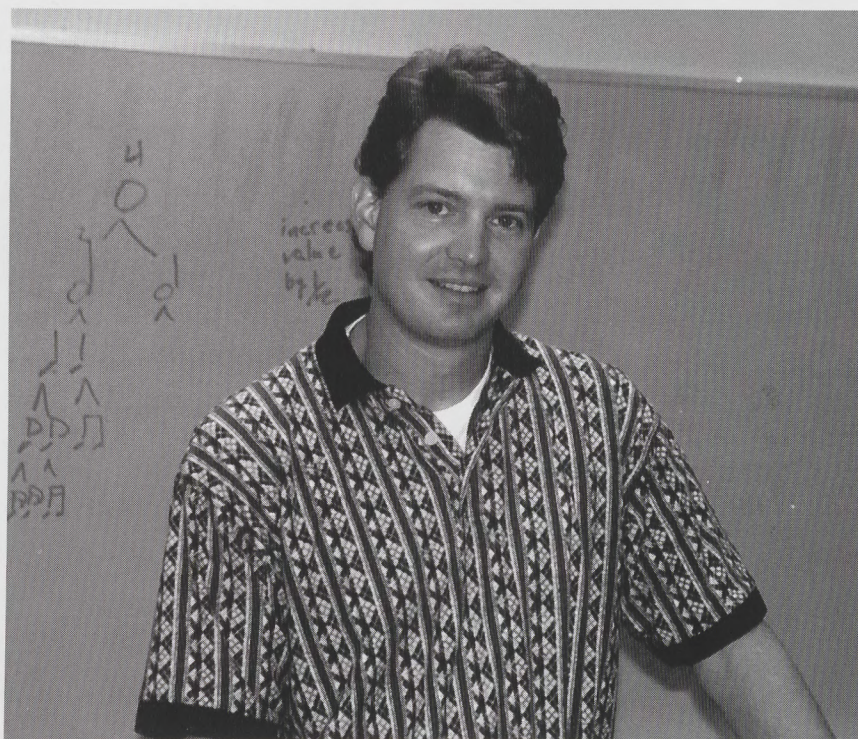


Drawing students learn how to take a collage of objects and turn them into works of art.

Using her car for a seat, Bridgette Sumrall goes to any heights to capture the campus buildings in the best light.



Coming from Clinton, Mississippi, Clay Whittington joins the Bear faculty as the new band director. Clay divided his time between teaching classes and directing the band.



*“Hopefully, the students who leave my classes have developed a love of and appreciation for different composers and music styles.”*

**Connie Lambuth**  
Instructor

**F**or your artistic side, Southwest offers Fine Arts classes to enhance your creativity. Whether you seek a degree in art or music or just need the essentials to meet your major requirement, Southwest provides a variety of courses from which to choose.

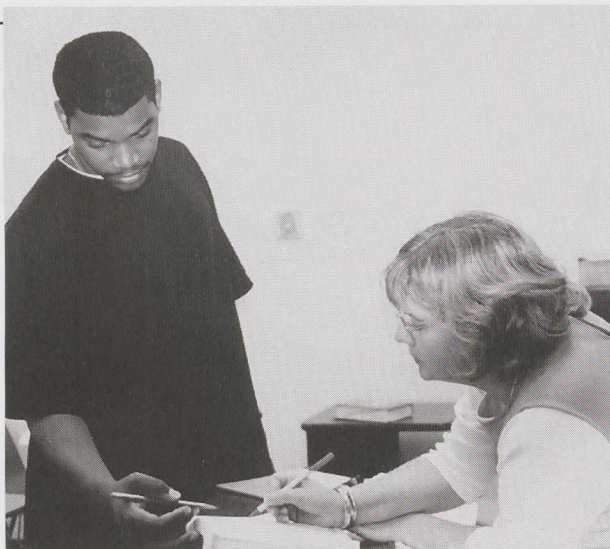
Some students prefer art classes. In Drawing I and II, students put pencils and paint brushes to the test as they sketch still life or campus scenes. Art for Elementary Teachers prepares elementary education majors for today's classroom. Learning craft projects and basic art designs, these future teachers turn trash into treasures. The non-artistically inclined may prefer to study rather than to produce the arts by enrolling in Art Appreciation.

For those students that view music as a must, Music Appreciation, Music Theory, Music History, voice lessons, piano lessons, or a spot in the band awaits them. Quite often these sessions turn into productions as young musicians become seasoned performers on the field, in the Stage Band, or at local theater productions. They quickly learn, however, that stardom requires discipline, dedication, dynamics, rhythm, and time management.

Regardless of preference, students who leave a Fine Arts course gain more than just the bare essentials. Instead, they obtain a new perspective of the arts.



James Corbin receives additional one-on-one instruction from teacher Nancy Holmes. Southwest instructors assist students in class and often conduct tutoring sessions outside class in an effort to ensure student success.



As the students take a quiz, Dr. Elaine Coney wades through a sea of Medical Spanish students to get to the bow.



The key to an attentive audience is an interesting topic with active visual aids, as David Martin recently learned during his recent speech about raccoons. As an informative speech in Dr. Steve Bishop's class, David talked about the species itself and his experience with the care and maintenance of these two pets.



**I**t has been said that the English language is by far the most difficult language to learn. Native speakers of English may agree with this statement as they strive to write essays, appreciate literary works, learn a foreign language, or speak publicly.

Writing essays in Comp I and performing research in Comp II enable students to write with confidence and to locate support for their opinions. A study in British Literature gives them a glimpse into their past, their heritage. Traditional Grammar satisfies a student's desire for an indepth study into English basics.

Spanish or German awaits those students desiring to expand their horizons. Others pursuing a career as a health care professional may enroll in Medical Span-

ish where they learn to communicate medical essentials. Students enrolled in foreign languages learn more than a language - they learn a culture where the language began, developed, and thrived.

Speaking publicly in Oral Communications may be the greatest English battle students have to win. Dr. Steve Bishop, speech instructor, hopes that those who survive the experience "gain a confidence that will allow them to successfully convey their thoughts and ideas in any arena."

The ability to communicate effectively, both orally and written, is essential to future success. At Southwest, students learn the language essentials to ensure such success.

***"Learning a language is learning a culture."***

***Dr. Elaine M. Coney  
Instructor***



# language

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### "Freundinnen"

As classmates in German, Gerda Smith and Mareeta Allen discover that the word "friend" translates in any language. Although they did not travel together, Mareeta visited Germany and Gerda, a native German, returned to her homeland this past summer. If you happened to see someone riding into campus on a motorcycle this past semester, it might have been Gerda.

As Traditional Grammar instructor, Dr. Jeanne Williams points Melissa Morgan to the correct answer. Traditional Grammar is a requirement for many education majors.



Nursing students, turned critical readers, Melanie Weekley, Jessica Ginn, Sondra Nettles, and Lance Stone shift through newspapers searching for essential information for their newspaper scavenger hunt.





# social science

## Essentials

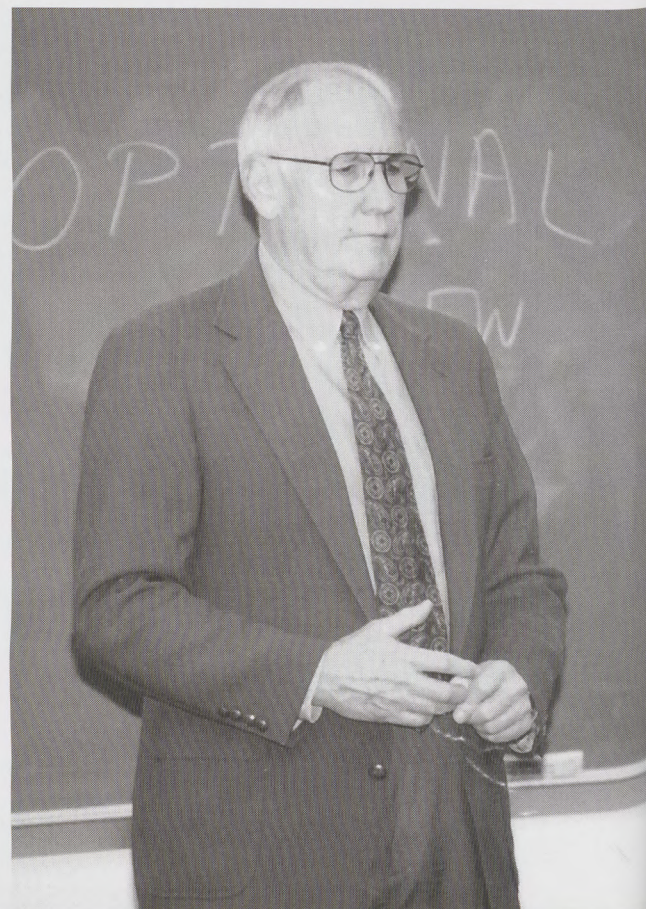
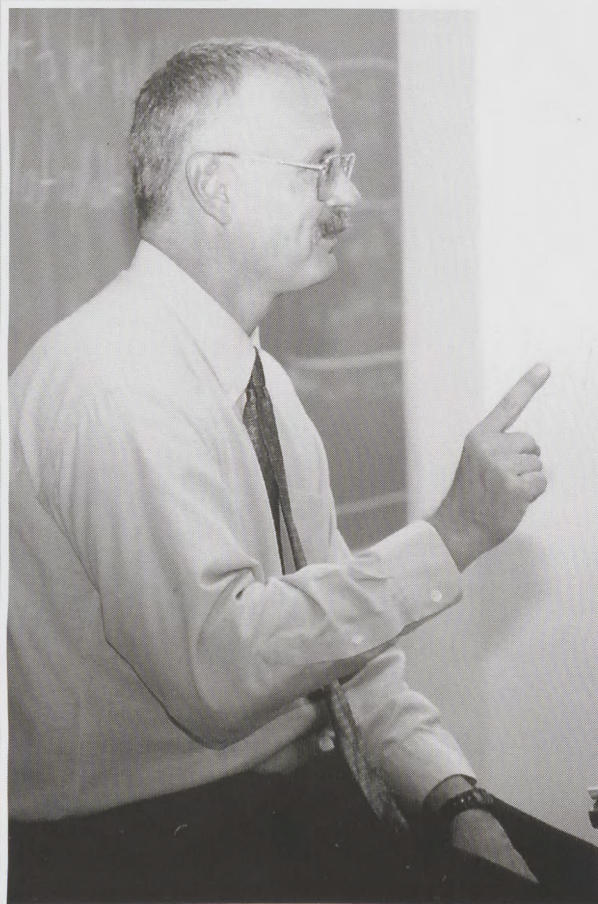
After successfully assembling their "Hollow Square," Honors Forum members stand back to watch Robyn Easley, Brittany Birdsong, Catherine Wall, and Jeff Barber follow the written instructions of Leche Nick, Heather Morris-Howell, Jaimee Prescott, April Gurney, and Amy Giacone. Although this group was unsuccessful in completing their square, they learned valuable lessons about the price of assumptions, precise instructions, group achievement, and human nature as a whole.

Western Civilization and American History instructor Merrielyn Ginn serves as facilitator for this group of future leaders. Through activities such as "Hollow Square," Honors Forum students discover qualities needed to become good, effective leaders in society.

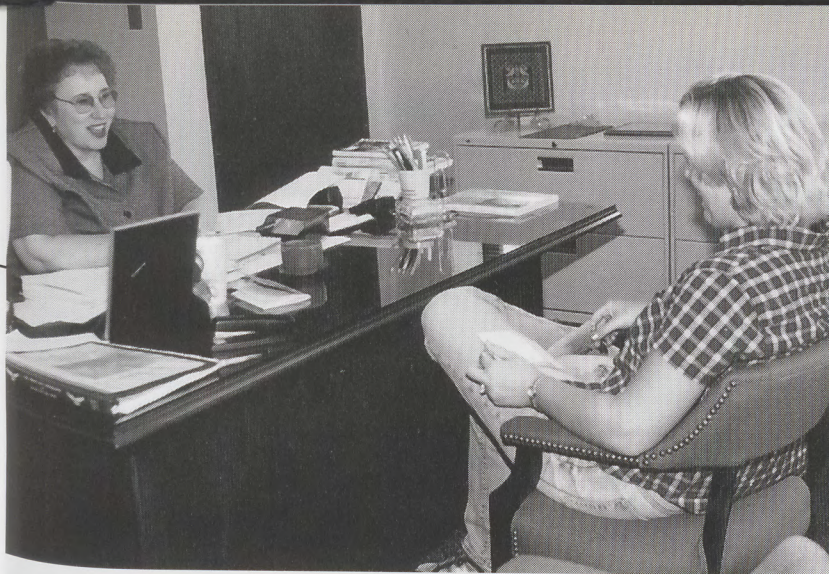


During lectures, Political Science and History instructor Paul Dancisin emphasizes points that may appear on his next quiz.

Sociology and Political Science instructor Sam McKinney announces the date for the optional review for an upcoming test.



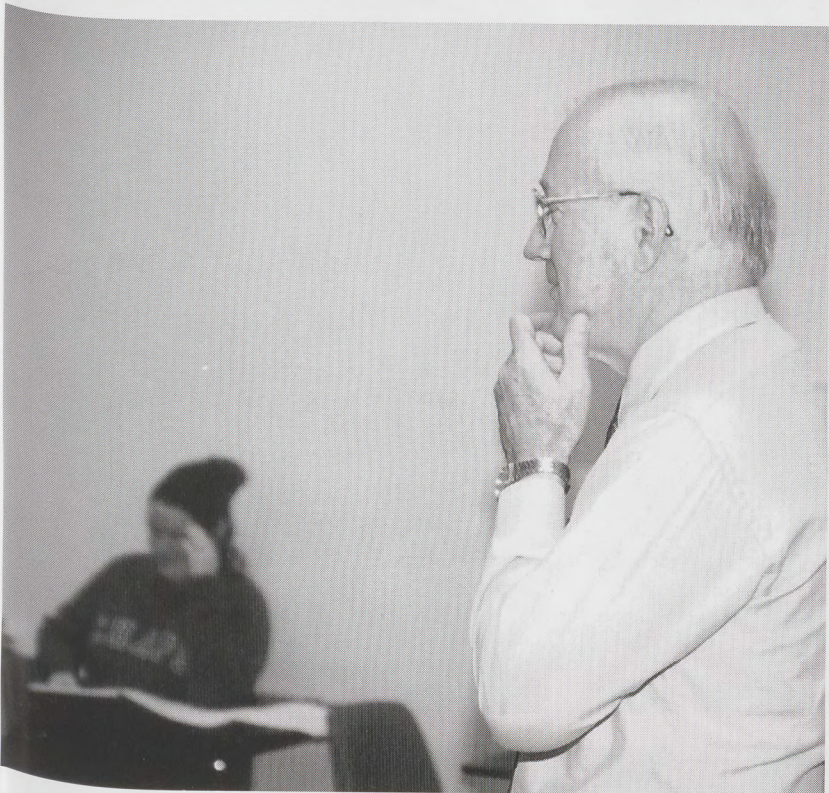




Dividing her time between Academic Counselor and Psychology instructor, Betty Johnson assists her student Tori Estess with an advising question.

Charles Brister, Old Testament instructor, gives his class a few minutes to review before their first quiz.

Utilizing Internet access in the Assessment Lab of the Career Center, Geography instructor Dan Lewman checks roll before beginning Internet research with his class. With Internet access on campus, its usage is becoming more and more prevalent in class instruction.



**“An inquisitive, questioning mind is essential to success in the study of the social sciences.”**

*Samuel M. McKinney, III  
Instructor*

**U**nderstanding yourself enables you to understand others. Through health, philosophy, economics, history, psychology, leadership, political science, and sociology courses, students have an opportunity to discover themselves and to understand their community.

In addition to learning the basics of each social science course, students acquire skills and practice in using computer technology through PowerPoint presentations and Internet research. They assume leadership roles during group projects and learn to interact with others who share similar or opposing views.

After completing classes in the social science discipline, instructor Merrielyn Ginn hopes that her students have learned how to use the Internet as a tool for research, how to read with understanding, and how to communicate, both written and orally. They should know “how to take facts, work through them, and decide on which side you want to be. Then select the ones who support your opinion.”

Therefore, a study in the social sciences is more than a requirement for graduation. The knowledge gained and the experiences encountered are essentials for life.



Instructor Kim Dorr makes Business Law both fun and informative for her students.



Ken Pendarvis, enrolled in computer programming classes for his electrical engineer major, spends many hours putting his computer knowledge into practice on campus by assisting PC Technician Ronnie Welch.



Although Cecelia Brister divides her instructional time between two economic classes and four accounting classes, she has no deficits when it comes to smiles.



Some students may dread early classes, but Angel Gayden and Willchazelle Gayden know that their time in their 8:00 computer class is time well spent.



**A**walk into any business, large or small, reveals computers in use as employees and employers conduct routine business transactions. Thus, computer literacy is a must.

Recognizing the workforce's need for computer competency, Southwest requires its graduates to demonstrate computer proficiency by passing an Introduction to Computer class or a computer competency exam given each semester. Sally Coulter, instructor of Introduction to Computer and Microcomputer Applications states, "In less than a generation, computer competency has emerged in virtually every career. The technological society of today requires a population that is not only computer literate, but also competent in the use of the Internet to research, analyze, and utilize information."

Knowing the impact of the Internet and

computers on business, economics and accounting instructor Cecelia Brister required her students to participate in a stock market game called "Investment Challenge," which furnished a realistic view of the stock market. After a month of "buying and selling," students created and presented PowerPoint presentations derived from their Internet research and buying adventure.

This computer experience and simulated role as stock owners blended with lectures in accounting, economics, business law, and real estate to give students the necessary information to be successful in the work place.

Thus, Southwest instructors work hand-in-hand to create learning experiences that keep pace with the ever increasing technological advancements that affect the computer and business world.

*"Our radically changing world now requires lifelong learning. The computer is a valuable tool to use in meeting the challenges of today's job as well as those of the future."*

**Sally Coulter**  
Instructor



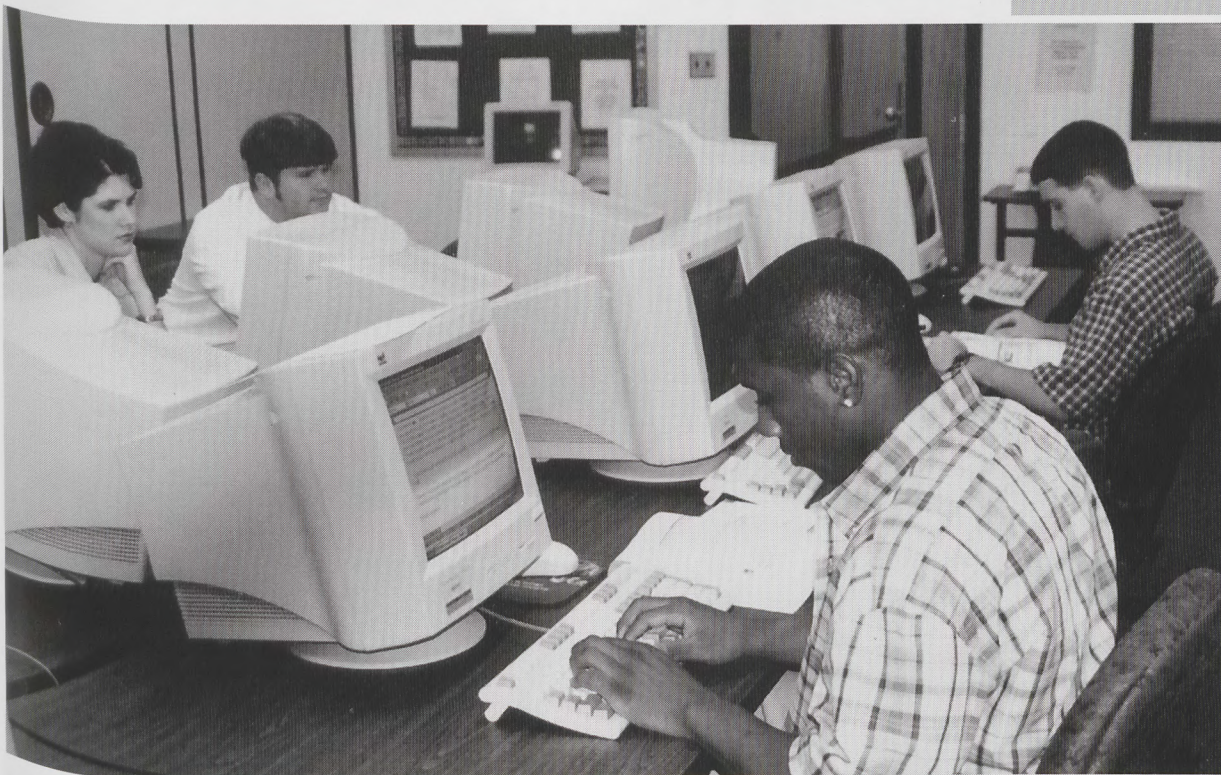


# business • computer

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While computer instructor Sally Coulter helps Ella Martin, lab assistant Gloria Van Norman gets Barbara Brumfield back on track. With each new semester, Sally and Gloria quickly learn that computer instruction requires individualized instruction, which they freely give.

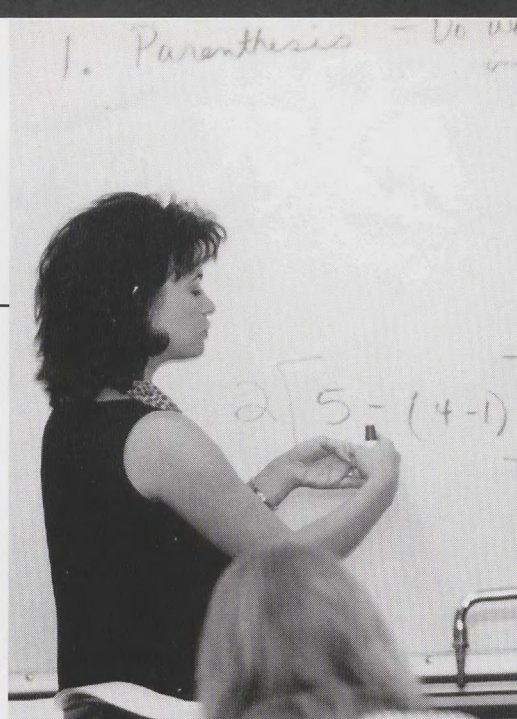


When completing class assignments, surfing the Internet, or checking e-mails, classmates Heather Morris-Howell, Clayton Crawford, Lennard Sibley, and Ryan Graves dive into the computer age. Students who graduate from Southwest must demonstrate computer competency either by successfully completing computer classes or by passing a challenge exam.





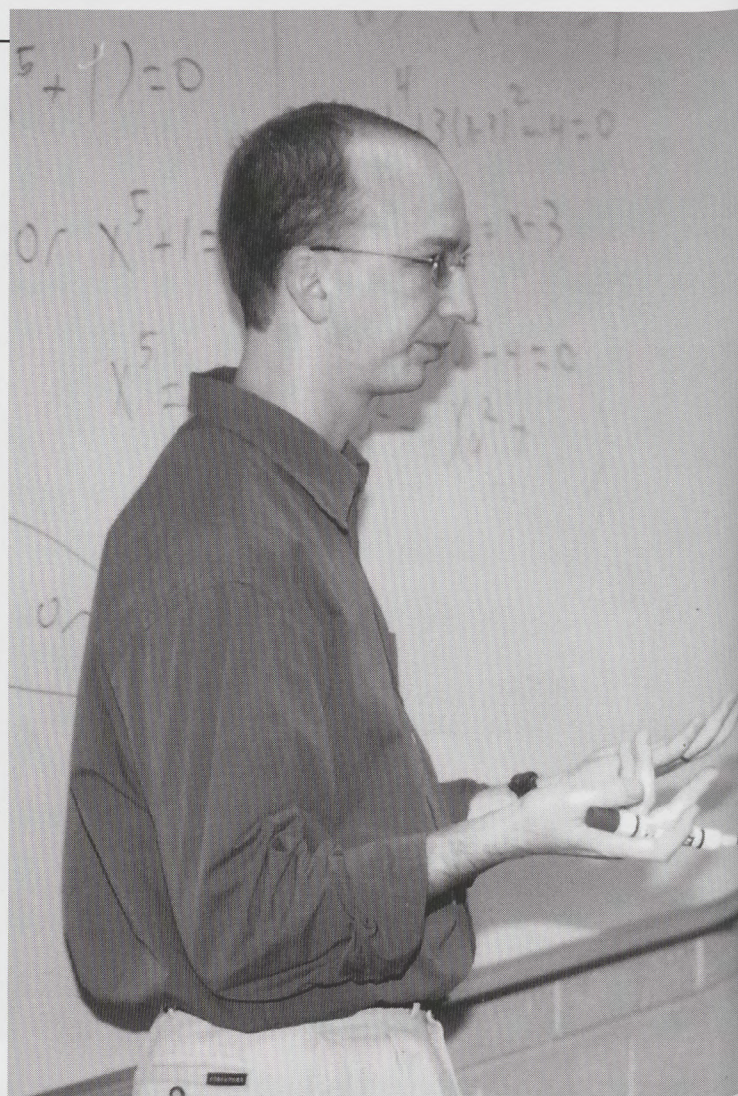
Debera Reeves cups her hands to form a parenthesis while explaining the importance of working inside parentheses first.



To clarify specific concepts, Catherine Williams receives help from instructor Patricia Seale. When confusion still remains after classroom instruction, explanations, and questioning, Southwest students seek and obtain additional assistance in math labs.



After working an equation, Matt Calhoun turns to ask the class for questions. A former student at Southwest, Matt returned this year to teach beside those who had taught him.



**P**erhaps the greatest obstacle students have to overcome in mathematics is the fear of mathematics itself. Students often begin the semester by stating, "I can't do this," but by semester's end, many students have conquered the enemy.

At Southwest, a math exists for all. Students who never had algebra in high school or who have been away from the high school scene for many years find that Elementary or Intermediate Algebra offers the needed foundation for College Algebra success. Elementary education majors enroll in Real Numbers, while business majors find that Finite Math and Statistics satisfy requirements for their major. Those enjoying a challenge or seeking a career in computer

science and engineering face Trigonometry, Calculus, and Differential Equations.

Whatever the math, instructor Laura Calhoun maintains that students need the "ability to think both logically and critically." Instructor Patricia Seale asserts that students "need to know how to study" to be successful in any of the math courses offered at Southwest, and by learning how to study, students gain in all educational areas.

Although students may enter a math course feeling uncertain of their success, they leave the course having gained confidence that they have received the essential foundation for continued math encounters in the work place or in the university setting.

*The "ability to think both logically and critically" is an essential for math success.*

*Laura Calhoun  
Instructor*

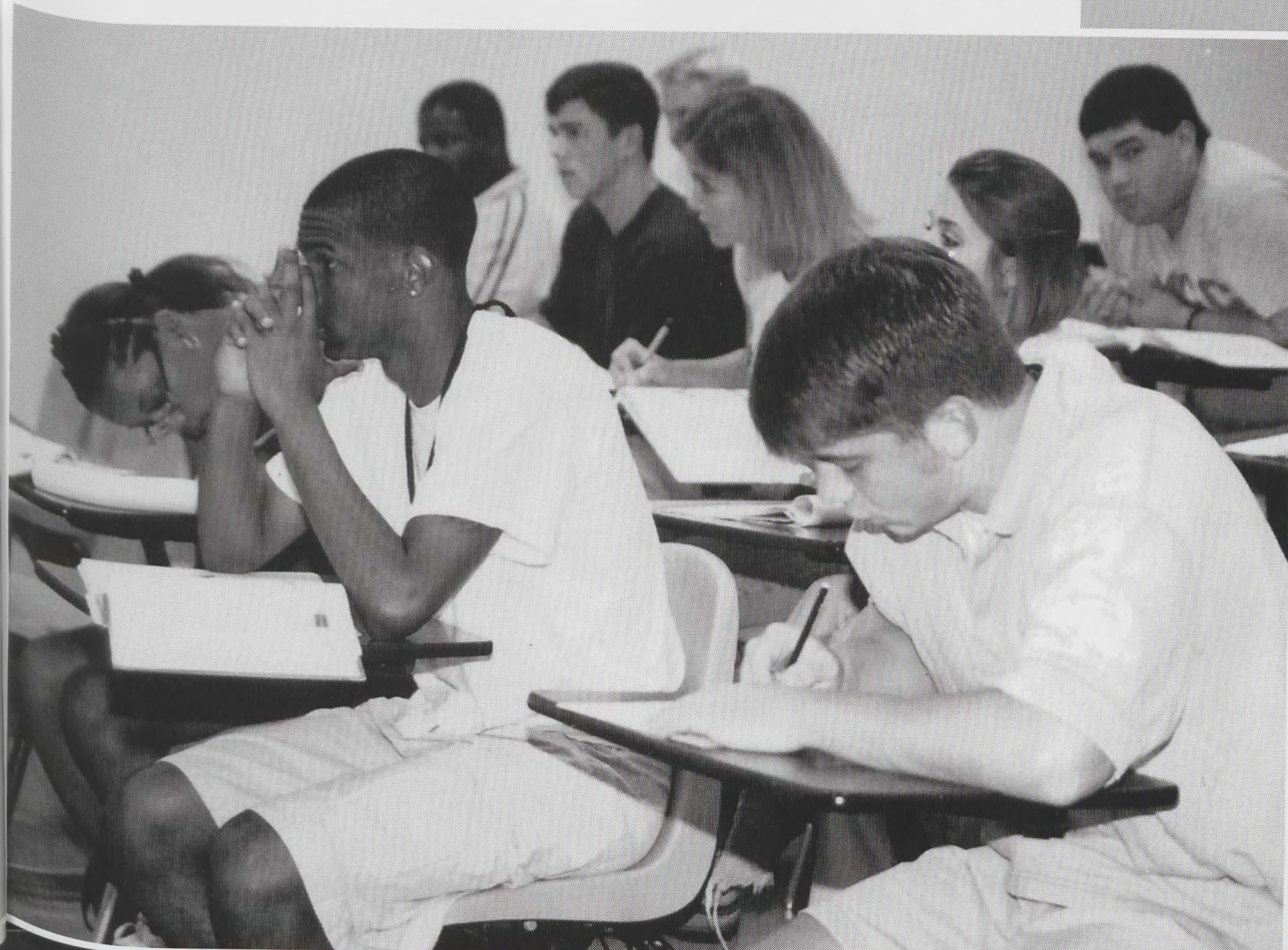


# mathematic

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When Algebra class ends, study and homework begin, yet Carol Hennis and Cathy Johnston work together to make the task enjoyable. Since many students have a fear of mathematics, finding a friend or classmate with which to complete assignments often gives them confidence.



Corey Isaac concentrates to let the problem "sink in," while Brad Boyd jots down the problem to study later.





During a review before a lab quiz on meiosis and mitosis, Courtney Slaughter and Adelia Felder give Anatomy and Physiology instructor Diane Turnage their undivided attention.

Before seining a portion of Bear Lake to gather specimens for closer examinations in the Zoology lab, Dr. Bud Culley gives last minute instructions to Zoology students Jamie Wallace and John Fortenberry. This experiment gave students a glimpse into the field of environmental science.

Dispelling the saying that a "watched pot never boils," Regina Bozeman patiently watches for her sample to reach the correct temperature before recording its results.



**“W**hat makes it work? Why did that happen? What if I try this? A student in the sciences needs to have an inquiring mind,” states chemistry instructor Mary Guy. Instructors in physics, biology, botany, zoology, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology echo this sentiment as they provide lectures and hands-on experience to answer such statements. These instructors seek to make the intangible tangible.

Classroom discussions “come alive” through weekly laboratory experiments, but even lab experiments limit understanding. Therefore, for ex-

tended expansion of classroom lectures, students take field trips to study ecosystems and animals not indigenous to this area. Bear Lake, itself, furnishes bountiful experimental opportunities for environmental science enthusiasts.

Through the sciences, students have an opportunity to collect data, predict outcomes, mix chemicals, examine specimens, dissect cow hearts, and study the universe to gain an understanding and appreciation for life, nature, and the heavenly bodies. In the process of acquiring such knowledge, students establish goals and exhibit self discipline - lifelong essentials for any career.

*“Essentially, science students need to be motivated, self-disciplined, and goal oriented. They may not possess these traits when they first begin, but by the end of their time with us, these should be predominate characteristics.”*

Mary Guy  
Instructor



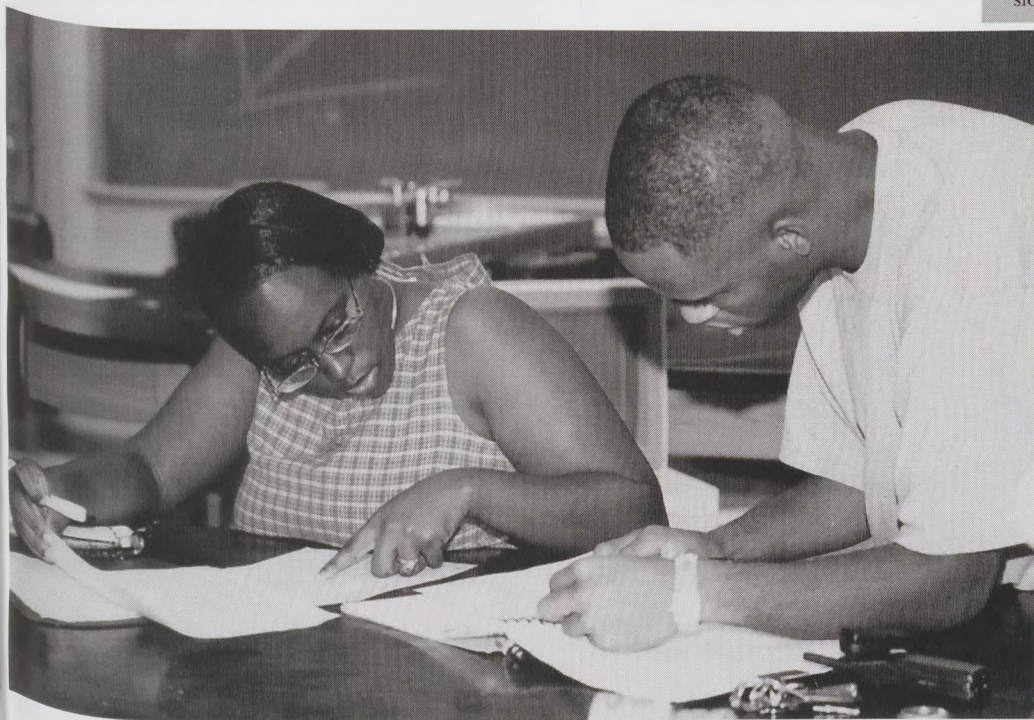
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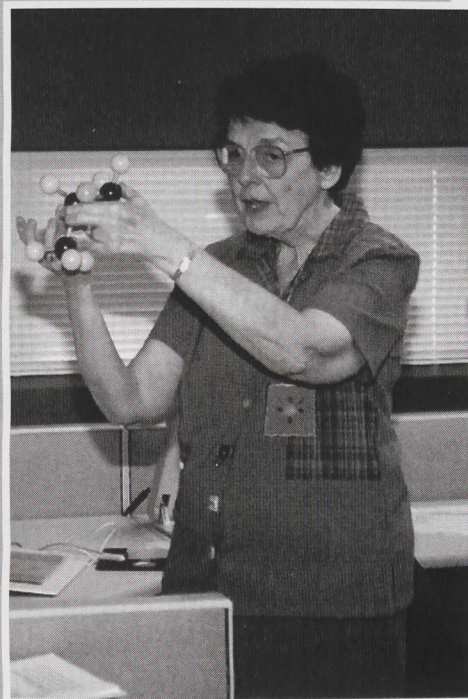


With screwdriver in hand, microbiology instructor Sue Janes demonstrates her mechanical skills. In addition to knowing subject matter, science instructors must also know basic mechanical skills that will keep lab equipment working properly and safely.

Organic chemistry instructor Mary Guy uses molecular models to visually show molecular structures in compounds. Some may view these as Tinker Toys, yet these models are essential for students' understanding of chemical bonds that the naked eye cannot see. Along with her teaching duties, which included CCN instruction to Co-Lin, Mary assumed the role of Mathematics and Science Division chair.



In physical science lab, Donna Tillery and Charlton Grey compare their results.





# health occupations

## *Essentials*

With practice comes precision, as Brooke Christian, Mary Easley, and Lora Blackwell discover. By taking turns performing the procedures on laboratory models, by audibly explaining the procedure during the process, and by observing other group members, these RN nursing students and others like them have refined the process of catheterization long before required to do so in a clinical setting.

Until Kimberly Williams develops the "knack" for giving shots to patients, oranges receive the injections.



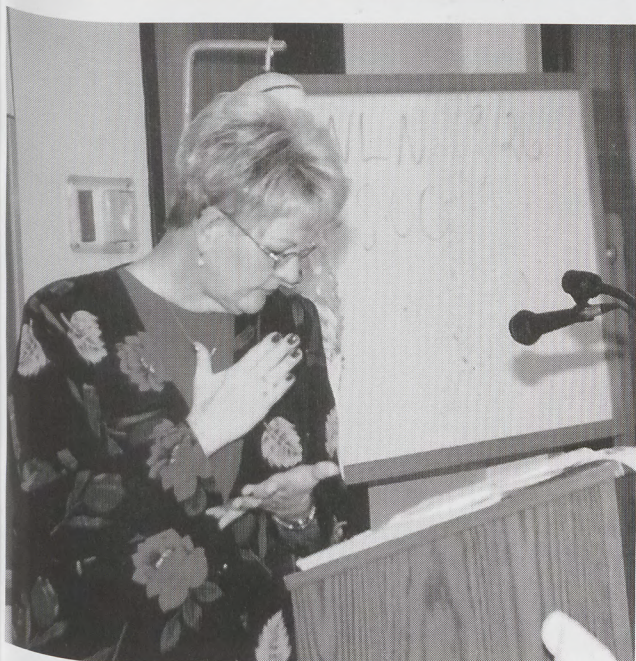




With Martha Jackson in the distance and Darlene Carney looking on, Adaire Gatlin wraps Elizabeth Dickerson's arm to practice for the day when she will have to do so "for real."

Lecturing to her LPN students, instructor Dixie Canton stresses the importance of proper patient care. Nursing instructors spend hours preparing lectures, lecturing, and supervising students in health care facilities.

Likewise, students spend hours listening to lectures, reading assigned materials, studying for tests, and applying learned material in clinical settings.



*"To be successful in health occupations, students must be good communicators and critical thinkers.*

*Additionally, they must be caring, compassionate, motivated, organized, and possess ethical and cultural awareness."*

**Jane McGrew**  
ADN Director

**D**uring your lifetime, you will encounter a health care professional. Many of these professionals received their training at Southwest.

As one of the most demanding and difficult areas of study at Southwest, the ADN program pushes its students to study for hours, read hundreds of pages between lectures, and keep abreast of current research findings. Yet, the hard work pays off as the program boasts an outstanding passage rate on the state boards and as the program produces quality health care

professionals who serve their community in area hospitals and nursing homes.

Those desiring to enter the work force sooner as a health care professional may do so through the nurse assistant or practical nursing programs. Here, students learn the essentials of proper nutrition and basic health care.

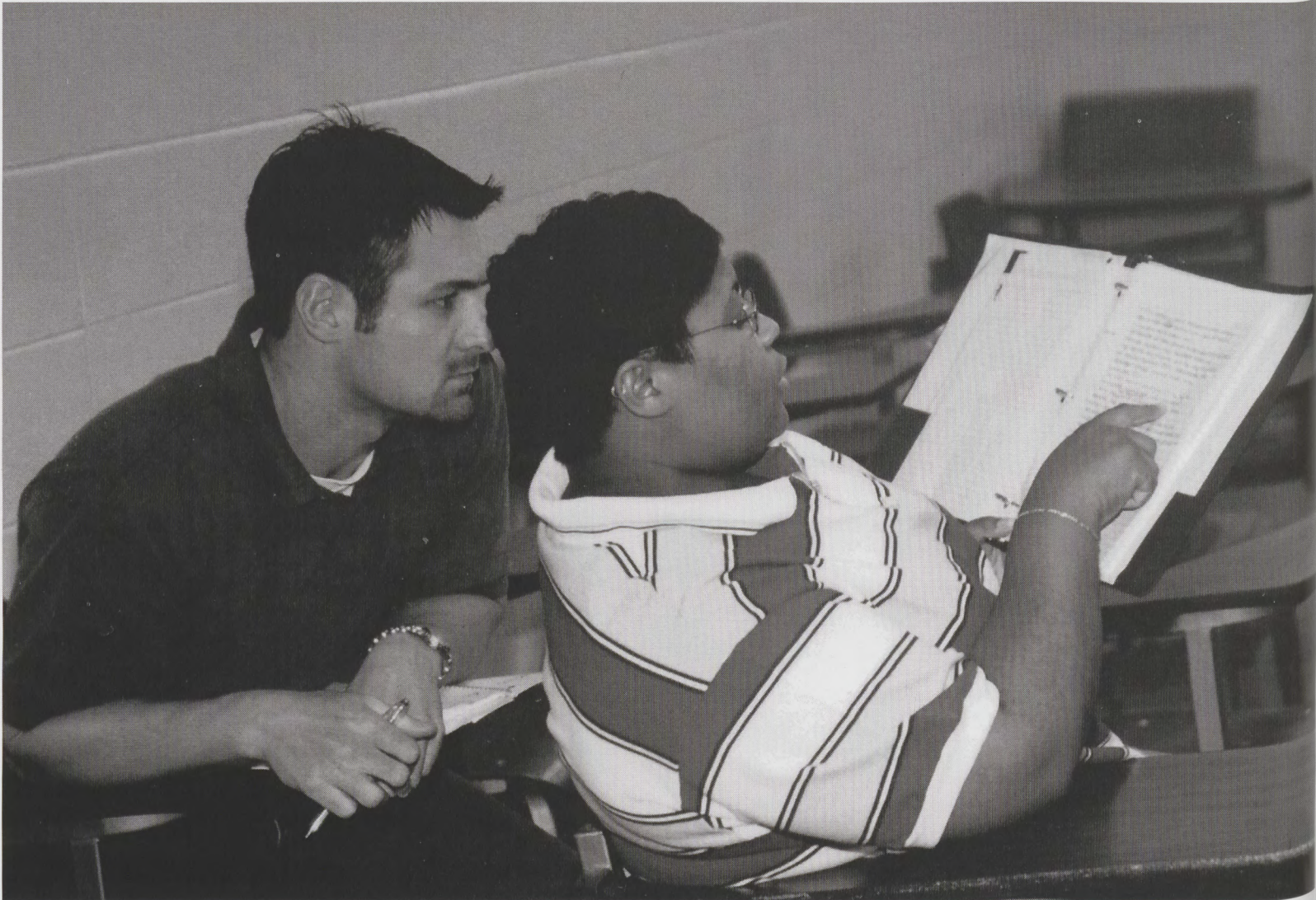
Whatever the choice, health care professionals commit themselves to continued professional and personal development as they refine and expand the essentials they learned at Southwest.

As the "patient," Desiree Magee enjoys the lotion that future nurse Ming Strother rubs on her dry skin. After completing her bath, Ming will have the opportunity to receive equal treatment.





Taking advantage of last minute cramming before their law enforcement test, Lameta Woods questions classmate Kenneth Cooper from her notes.



**S**tudents desiring to complete their education in two years or less may opt to enroll in one of the many vocational-technical programs. From technical programs in the field of child development, computer information systems, automotive mechanics, diesel mechanics, electrical, office systems, law enforcement, machine shop, marketing management, robotics, well construction, EMT paramedic, and licensed practical nursing to vocational training in carpentry, cosmetology, nursing assis-

tant, heating, air-conditioning, refrigeration, and welding, students can find a vocational-technical program to match their interest.

When federal funding through the Jobs Training Partnership Act ended, the truck driving and certified nurse assistant programs seemed doomed. However, through the valiant efforts of administration, led by President Horace C. Holmes, these two programs were reinstated and funded through state vocational funds.

***“Technical programs at Southwest provide the foundational skills and knowledge necessary for employment in the higher paying technical jobs and for continued study at a university if one desires to acquire a Bachelor of Science degree.”***

**Hank Krone  
Instructor**

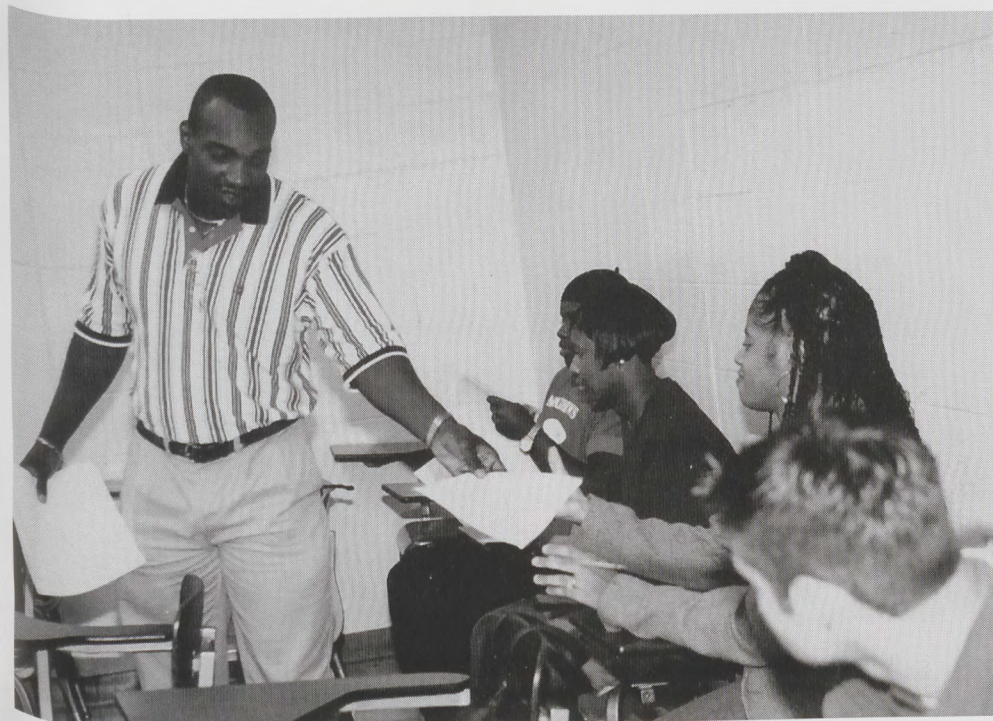


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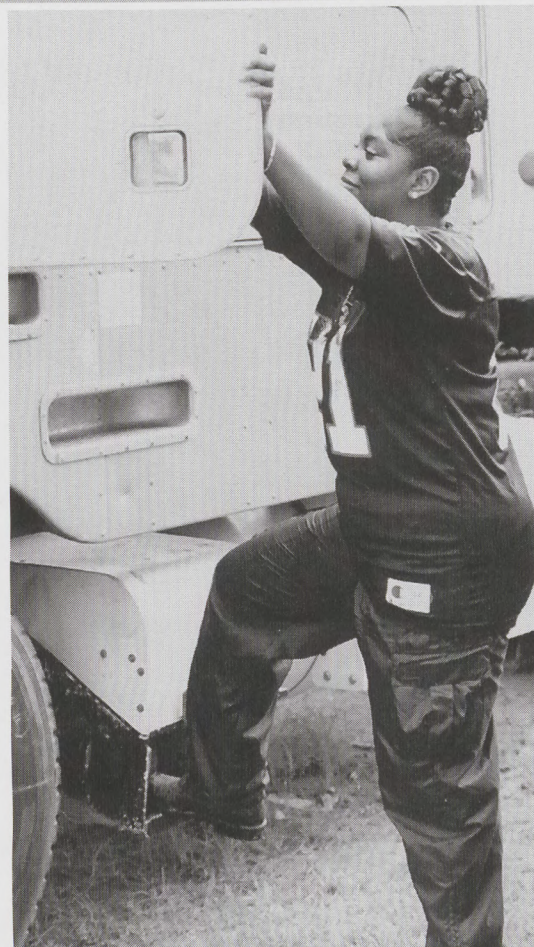
## Essentials



With Theodore Berthelot typing in the distance, LEEANNE CASE, Office Systems Technology instructor, assists PATTY HOWELL with her exercise. For future office personnel, excellent computer skills are a must.



And the test is quick in coming as instructor KENNY MILLER hands DONALD SANDERS, KALISHA WASHINGTON, MELISSA VARNADO, and KENNETH COOPER their copies. Unfortunately, testing is an essential in assessing learning.

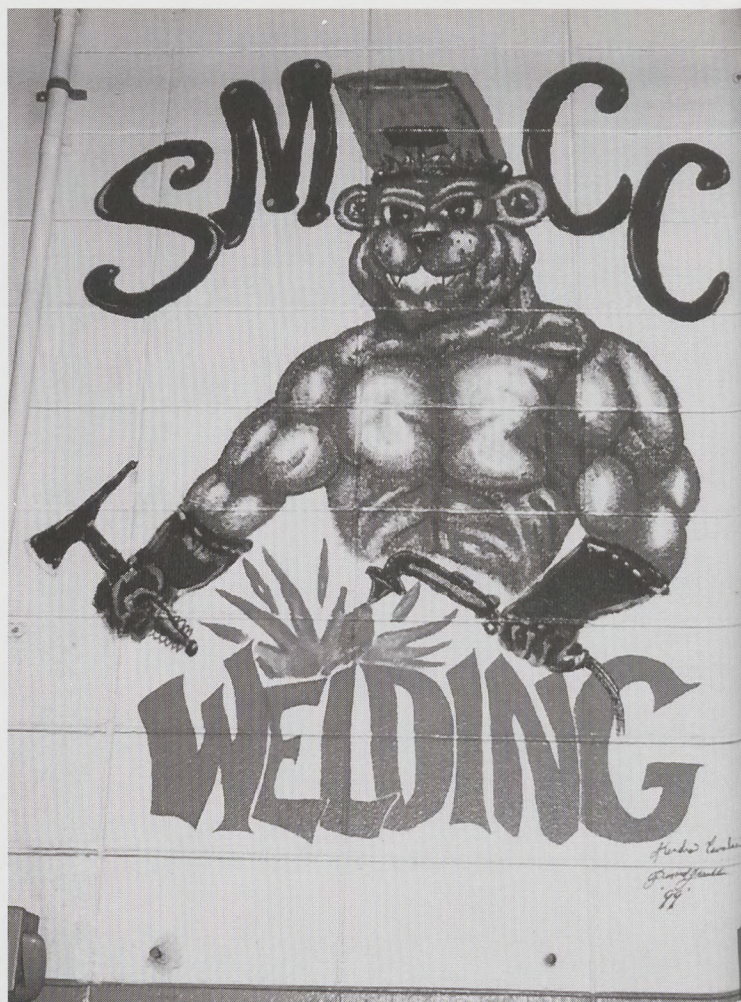


As Dorothy Winding begins her drive, be prepared to see her and other women drivers of 18-wheelers on the Interstates across country. Once funded through JTPA funding, Southwest continued this vital program through vocational funding.





Former welding students Kendra Cavalier and Desmond Franklin leave their artistic mark to challenge new welders Joey Savorgnan, Ryan Boyd, Garrett Hamilton, Steve Binz, Brooks Winding, and Jamie Boyd to continue South-west's history of producing skilled welders and artisans.



Working together as a team in Automotive Technology, Trenise Jackson and Tony McCray bolt up a torque converter. More and more women are joining the ranks of professions once considered male-only occupations.



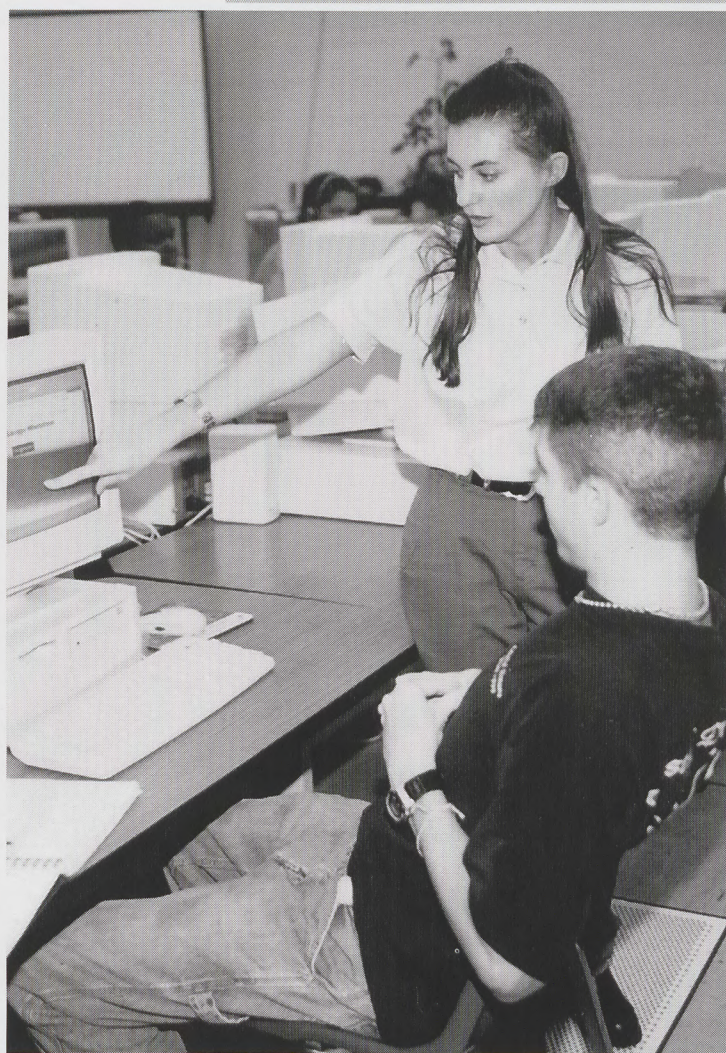




**F**rom learning to spell your name to learning to use a computer, Southwest has a program to fit your interests and needs. Maybe you desire to fix your vehicle, repair electrical problems, or weld a cart for gardening, the Vocational-Technical Division can assist you in making a career change or in making you more handy around the house. Whatever your desire, Southwest awaits you.

Child Development Technology instructor Barbara Wall encourages Hunter Temple to spell his name correctly.

Kim Evans, Computer Information Systems Technology instructor, points Dustin Whetstone back on track.



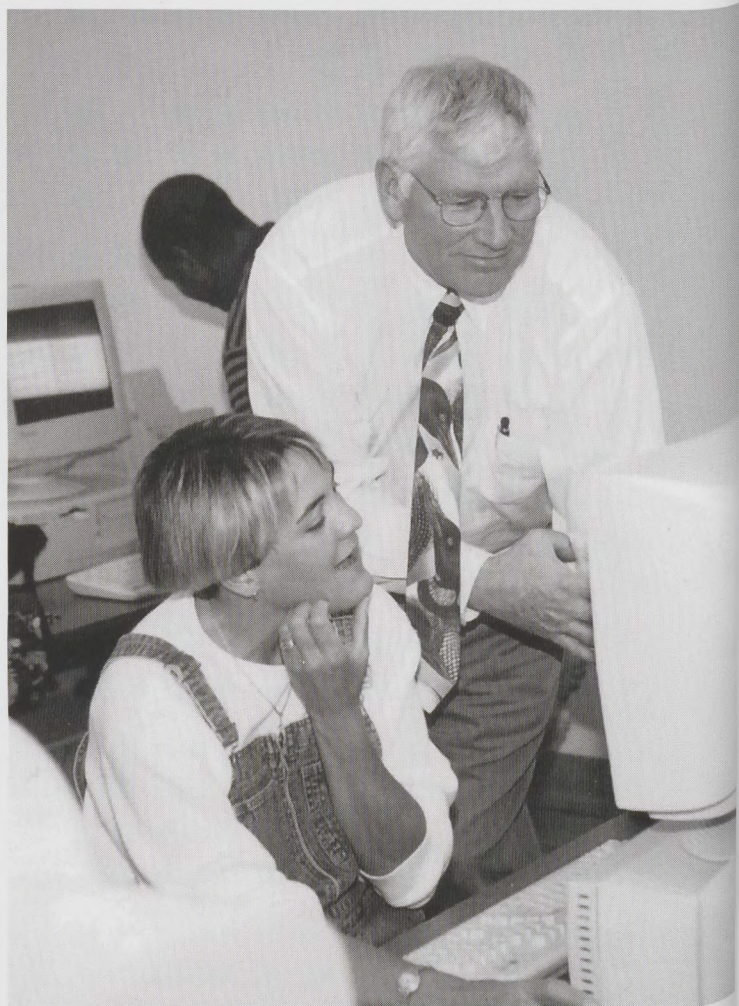


Making her way around the room to check the progress of her students, Kathy Boyte, one of Southwest's newest instructors, begins with Deidra Magee and Shenita Frith.

Robotics Technology student Chuck Walter puts knowledge and skill to the test and experiences success. Students who complete this program find that many jobs and opportunities await them after graduation.



While Kim Stringer and Computer Networking instructor Bob Simmons discuss a networking issue, Margaret Edmonds faces a shocking issue of her own. Computers may be inanimate objects that respond to human command and input, yet at times they appear to have a mind of their own. And the results can be utterly shocking!







After making necessary repairs, Myron Smith, Randy Howell, Bret Carney, and Kelvin Magee check for possible leaks.

Sophomore Well Construction Technology student Ben Welch explains the rig controls to attentive freshmen.



In role reversal, daughter Krystal Barber feeds mother Helen Means. After drawing patient descriptions from a box, CNA students had to practice feeding "patients" with varying illnesses and medical problems.

**S**ome students find that returning to school is easier if they share the experience with a friend, or in some cases, another family member. Such was the case last year when mother and daughter enrolled in the Nurse Assistant program.

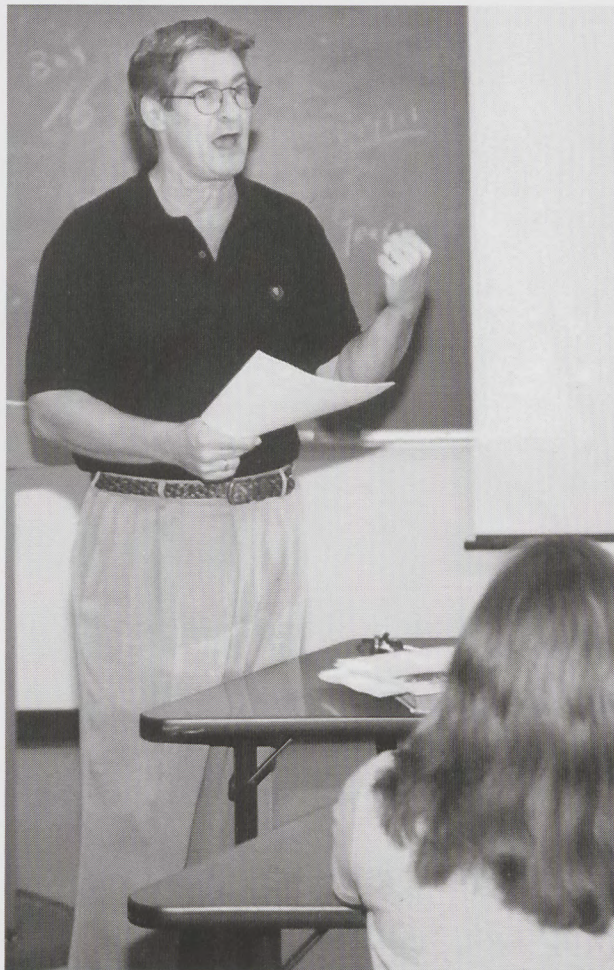
Others traveled great distances to find the right program for them. Since Southwest has the only Well Construction Technology program in the nation, Steve Bing moved from Wisconsin and Jon LeBlanc came from California to receive their training at Southwest before returning to embark upon a new career.

Statistics reveal that the average person will change jobs approximately six times in his/her life. Southwest offers programs and experienced personnel to equip students with necessary skills for these life changes.



Precision and accuracy are the keys to success, so Machine Shop student Curtis Dillon checks his equipment before beginning.

Marketing instructor Carey Lee stresses the importance of targeting the appropriate market.



Casey Harrell climbs the scaffold to join Osyte Wheeler, Felicia Branch, and instructor Joe Cornacchione in roofing the top while Glenda Magee takes care of the side.

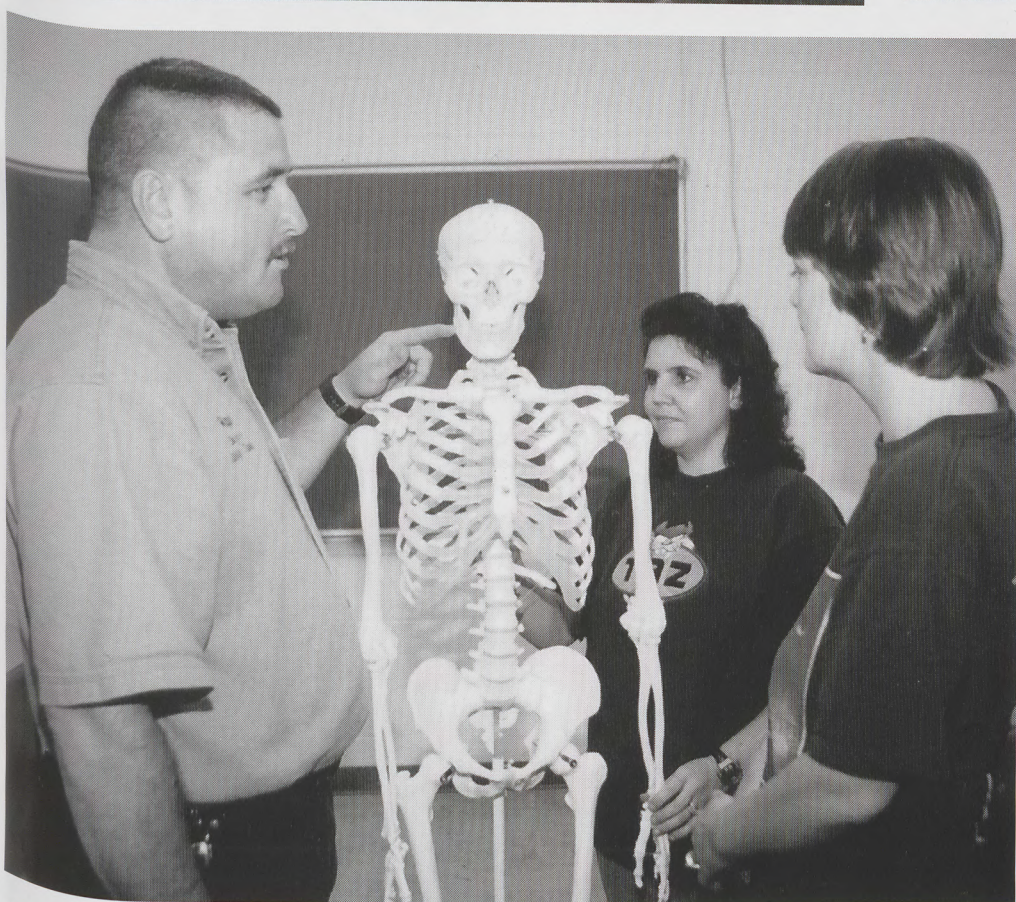






After dropping the crank shaft into the diesel engine, Antwon Isaac, Derrick Conerly, Mac Farmer, John Mathis, and Brandon "Bubba" Meyers discuss their next steps.

With practice, patience, and creativity, cosmetology student Tchona Hudson spends hours styling and re-styling her mannequin before styling the "real head" in private practice.



As students in Southwest's newest program, EMT Paramedic Technology, Wayne Miller, MaDonna Hall, and Robin Price discuss the human anatomy, as well as other topics of importance.

**A**s society becomes more service oriented, Southwest's graduates will be in the workforce providing essential services for their community. Whether it is building your house, repairing your vehicle's engine, saving your life, or styling your hair, Southwest students receive the necessary training to meet the task.

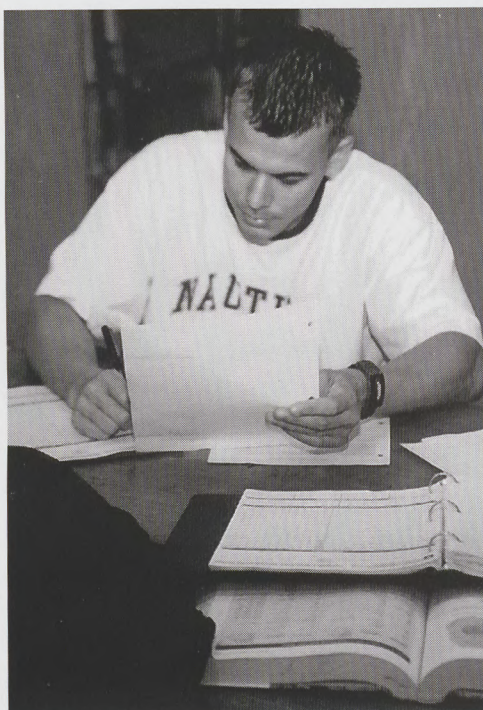
Southwest offers nineteen vocational - technical programs taught by qualified, trained professionals to ensure that students receive the necessary training to be successful after completing their program. So, the next time you need something repaired, be encouraged that a graduate of the Vocational-Technical Division may be the one to come to your aid.





# library *Essentials*

Students like Jake Jenkins who bury themselves in study remain unaware of the daily operations Assistant Librarian Maxine Bierbaum and the remaining LLRC staff conduct to ensure that he and other students have the most current information available to them for research or pleasure.



Nursing students Linda Tuesno, Catherine Williams, Laura Blackwell, and Mahaley Stogner concentrate on their assigned tasks. Before beginning clinicals each semester, nursing students like these line the walls of the Learning Lab to work computer programs about specific medical case studies.



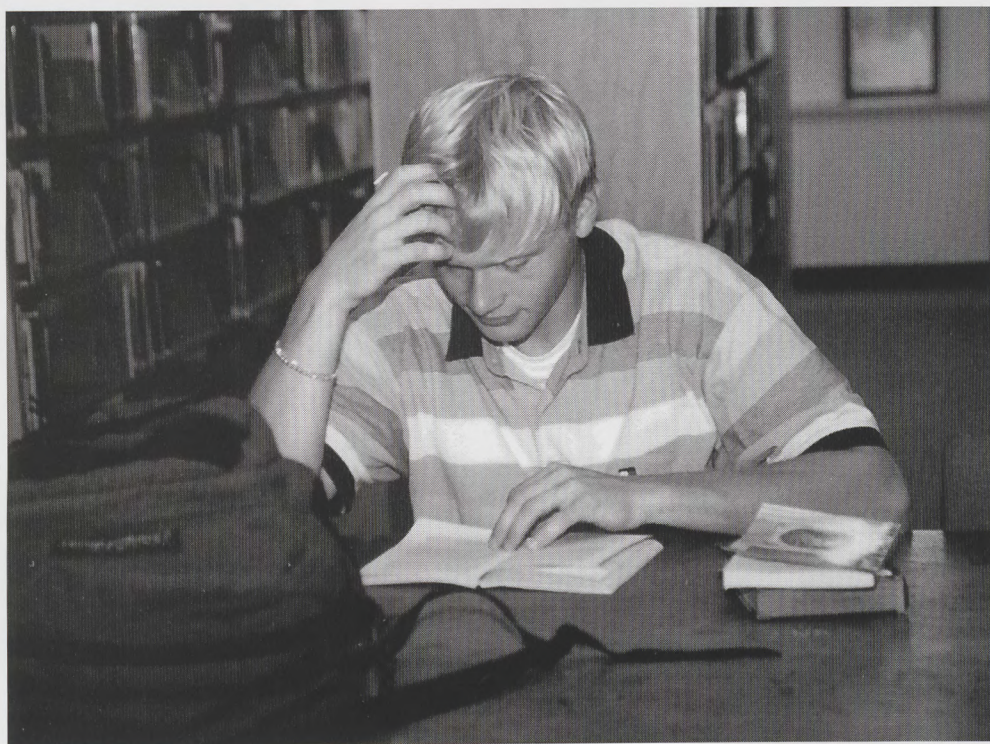


Freshman Matthew Wheat accesses the automated library system in search of much needed sources for his research.



Students who utilize the Learning Lab find friendly, caring personnel to assist them. Joining the Learning Lab staff this year, Carol Ann Graves eagerly helps patrons with their varied needs.

Jeff Barber uses his time between classes wisely by finding a quiet spot in the library to prepare for his next class.



***"The Library-Learning Resources Center is a source of information for students. It is essential that our students learn to find information that will help them now and in the future."***

**Jo Ann Young**  
LLRC Director

**S**tudents who merely drive by the Library-Learning Resources Center (LLRC) commonly refer to it as the "library." Those who venture inside discover that it is more than shelves of books, magazines, and newspapers. Instead, it is the informational hub for campus.

Here, thanks to the friendly, knowledgeable staff, students find resources and services that support their educational needs and interests. Whether it's reading a local newspaper, studying for a test in a carrel, working on a group project in a study room, researching assignments on the Internet, making copies of

notes, listening to an opera, typing papers for Comp classes, or receiving additional assistance in the Learning Lab, students discover that the LLRC provides informational essentials that ensure college success.

Since learning continues outside the traditional classroom setting, Jo Ann Young, LLRC Director, and her staff "hope that we have taught our students the essentials in how to do research in various formats, such as books, periodicals, and computer databases." Those who have utilized the LLRC's services during their days at Southwest know that it is more than a hope - it is a reality.

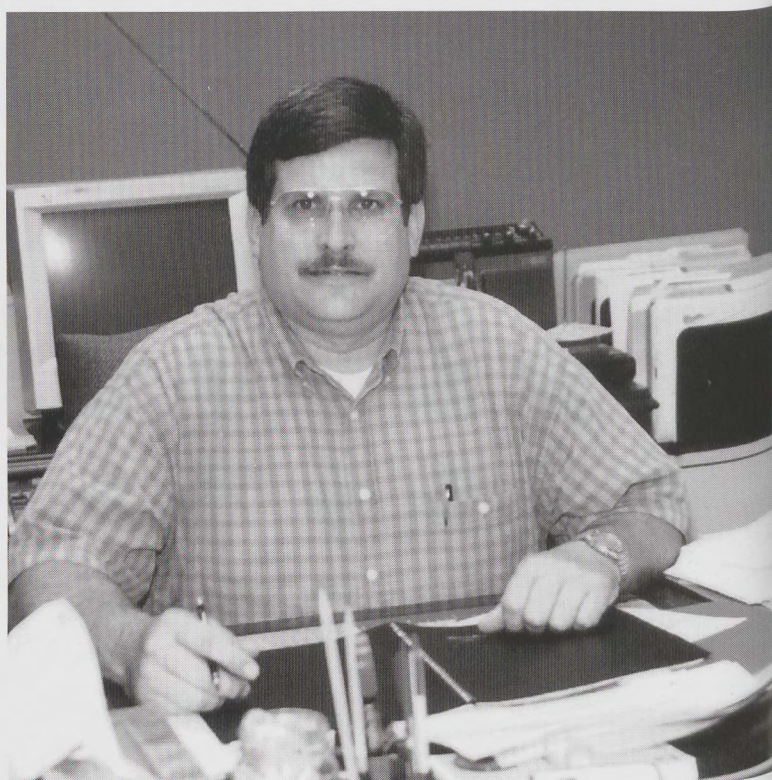




Personal Development Specialist Cathy Ellett points students in the right direction for their Internet research. In addition to assisting students with class assignments, Ms. Ellett helps students discover their career possibilities, conducts workshops on Internet usage and other topics, and organizes an annual career fair.

As Industrial Services Coordinator, Lamar Rogers ensures that employees of new or existing businesses and industries have the essential training for success in the work place.

Career Center Director Jerry Malone checks his calendar to schedule an essential meeting. In addition to overseeing the daily operation of the Center, Jerry interviews guests during a weekly broadcast of "Southwest Speaks," heard on a local radio station.



**U**ncertain about your career? Don't know your strengths and weaknesses? Want to start your own business? Need a part-time job while you go to school? The One-Stop Career Center can assist you in finding the answers to these and other questions.

Located in Kenna Hall, the One-Stop Career Center, commonly called the Career Center, serves as a liaison between Southwest and the local business community. Here, Career Center personnel assist new and existing businesses and industries in meeting their technical training requirements or in upgrading basic skill levels so that employees in the district can learn and adapt to new technology or develop communication and problem solving skills.

Throughout each semester, the Small

Business Development Center conducts workshops on campus to assist the small business owner. If a workshop does not meet your needs, potential business owners can seek wise counsel from the Director of the Small Business Development Center.

Students utilize the Center's services too. Each week a representative from the Mississippi Employment Security Community arrives on campus to match individuals to available jobs. Students seeking assistance in choosing a career, typing essays or creating presentations, writing a resume, or finding research information receive that much needed help in the Career Planning and Assessment Lab.

So, whatever your need may be, the Career Center holds the answers for you, and getting the answers is as simple as one stop.

*"From the services provided in the Career Center, we hope that students and individuals in the community will be able to identify their interests and skill levels, develop an educational or training plan to maximize those interests and skills, and put themselves in a position to take advantage of career opportunities as they arise throughout their lives."*

**Jerry Malone**  
Career Center Director





# career center

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Working in conjunction with district businesses and industries, Carolyn Williams, Workforce/Basic Skills Specialist, ensures that employees acquire the essentials for today's technological advancements.

If you are considering starting your own business, Jeff Waller, Small Business Development Center Director, can help make your ownership dreams a reality.

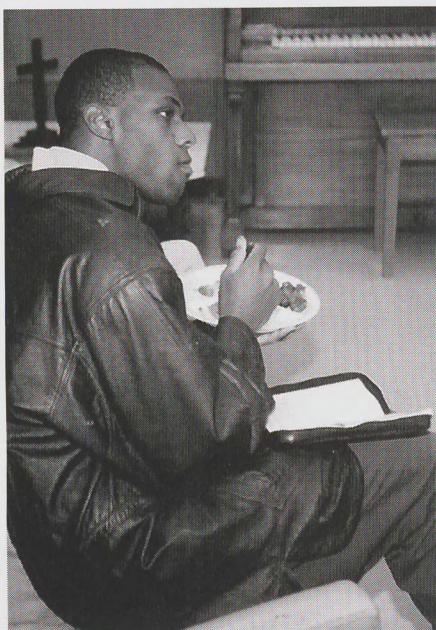


Charlotte McGregor's professionalism, knowledge, and willingness to assist others makes her essential to the Center's successful operation.

Bleeze Alford, Career Center receptionist, greets each Center visitor with a welcoming smile.



# ORGANIZATIONS



With his Bible open to the selected passage, Mitchell Shropshire enjoys the worship, fellowship, and food during Wesley's Thanksgiving celebration.

**O**rganizations across campus called students to involvement. From meeting weekly with fellow Christians in the BSU, Wesley, or Catholic organizations to working together with student body representatives in the Student Government Association, students had opportunities to participate in various organizations on campus.

Through their involvement in organizations, students found common ground with other Bears who shared common interests, goals, and beliefs. As a result, friendships developed, and students exhibited their talents as leaders, volunteers, supporters, and encouragers. More importantly, Bears learned to listen, to respect others, and to give freely of their time and talents - all essentials for living.



2001

*Bear Essentials*





In addition to sharing the latest news and upcoming story ideas, the *Pine Burr* staff share snacks during their Christmas meeting.



As nursing students and members of SNO, Danielle Seals, Leigh Anne Tamor, Amanda Brown, and Stacey Holmes have plenty of common ground to cover in conversation.

Halloween may bring the ghouls and goblins out, but friends Lacey Wallace and Buddy Waldrop decide to stay indoors and dance the night away at the Costume Dance, a fundraiser sponsored by PTK.



## *Finding Common Ground*



# Student Government Association

## ■ Assume leadership ■

**S**outhwest students have opportunities to assume leadership positions in various organizations, but those with a competitive spirit campaign to become a Student Government Association (SGA) officer. Although all full-time students are members of the SGA, those desiring a more active part in government may find a position on the student council as president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer within their reach.

After vigorous campaigns each spring, elected "officials" begin serving their term in office. Each fall, freshman and sophomore classes nominate and elect members to the governing body.

Their jobs as campus leaders are not easy. Weekly meetings are necessary to plan the many student events for the year. During the 2000-01 term, SGA officers were busy selling T-shirts, preparing for Bear Jamboree, sponsoring a blood drive, decorating for the Homecoming dance and spring formal, selling T-shirts, conducting a mock election of presidential candidates, and constructing a Homecoming display.

Through involvement on this small scale, students learned the importance of supporting qualified persons for leadership positions. Hopefully, the election process taught them to avoid apathy and to vote on local, state, and national levels. In turn, the winners learned the qualities that good leaders must possess.

Many of these leaders on campus today will be leaders in America tomorrow, and the essentials for their success as leaders began during their days as Bears.

When completed in June 2002, the new Student Union-Cafeteria Building will provide modern facilities for students such as these student body officers.



Prior to Homecoming, the SGA and class officers meet to discuss upcoming events. Lunch provided the perfect meeting time for leaders with busy schedules.







## ■ SGA Officers ■

**Megan McGinnis**

*Treasurer*

**Ryan Johnson**

*Secretary*

**Catherine Wall**

*President*

**Charlsie Whetstone**

*Vice President*

With voter boxes on hand to separate faculty and student names, Charlsie Whetstone and Catherine Wall have a "meeting of the minds" regarding the door prizes awarded during the Bear Jamboree.



## ■ Freshman Class Officers ■

**Kristina Ashley**

*Vice President*

**Katie Perry**

*President*

**Amanda Aldridge**

*Secretary*

**Tiffany Hill**

*Treasurer*



## ■ Sophomore Class Officers ■

**Jobina Khoo**

*Vice President*

**Jeffrey Barber**

*President*

**Jessica Longmire**

*Treasurer*

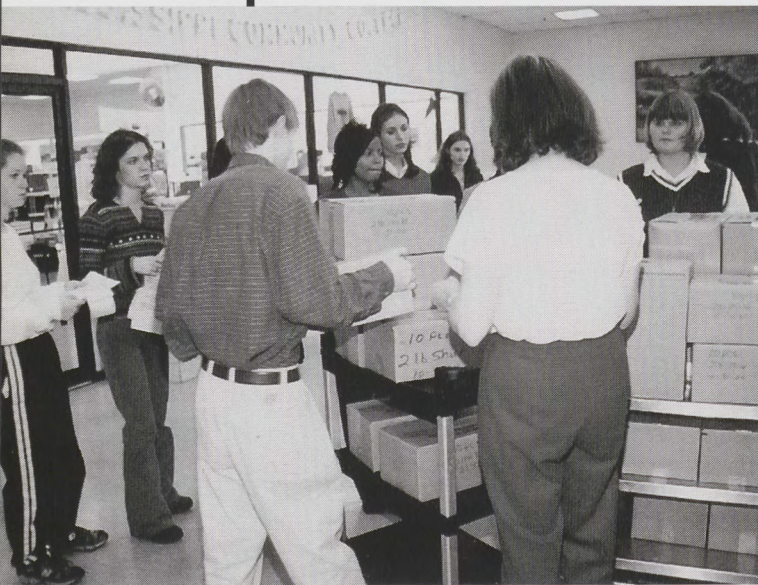
**Trisha Whalen**

*Secretary*



Robyn Easley and Jodie Green reveal the organization's T-shirt.

After weeks of selling cheese, members await their turn to fill their orders.



## Doc has pig-kissing good time at Halloween Dance

As a fundraiser to offset expenses for the national convention in Denver, Colorado, PTK sponsored a Halloween Dance and a "Kiss the Pig Contest." The instructor who collected the most money from his/her students had to pucker-up. Dr. Elaine Coney got the honor of kissing the "porker" at the Halloween Dance. Assisted by Tammy Smith, Doc, being the perfect lady, assures the pig that the process will be painless.





# Phi Theta Kappa

■ *Strive for excellence* ■

## ■ PTK Officers ■

### Seated:

Tammy Smith - *Vice President*  
Laurie Lyn Ah Ping - *Public Relations*  
Cheramié Henagen - *Reporter*

### Standing:

Jodie Green - *Historian*  
Amy Freeman - *Treasurer*  
Samuel Griffin - *President*  
Alana Burnette - *Secretary*



Chartered in Spring 1966, the Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a national community college honor society, offers membership to students achieving and maintaining high academic standing. To be admitted into this prestigious organization, a student must be enrolled in fifteen academic hours and must have an overall average of 3.50. To continue in the society, the student must maintain a 3.00 average.

PTK members strive for excellence as they endeavor to maintain their 5-Star status. With this "A New Century — A New Beginning," PTK members were busy completing projects related to scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship, the hallmarks of PTK. One project planned for this year was to place a flagpole near Bear Lake.

To fund their various activities, including a spring trip to the international conference in Denver, Colorado, members sold Marathon cheese, hosted a Halloween dance, sponsored a "Kiss the Pig Contest," and completed other sales projects to reach their goal. During the Halloween dance, Dr. Elaine Coney, the lucky faculty member who received the most monetary votes in the "Kiss the Pig Contest," put her lips in action for the organization.

Through participation in PTK, members work together toward common goals. Their continual quest for excellence in all their projects provides a *Bear Essential* for life.



Sponsor Diane Turnage gives out T-shirts and last-minute instructions before the organization's weekend assistance with MS Tour for Cure.

PTK members gather outside the Cafeteria before picking up their supply of Marathon cheese for distribution.



# Bear Trackers

## ■ Recruit others ■

Organized in Fall 1999, Bear Trackers, Southwest's ambassadors, remain busy as they recruit others to become Bears.

Recommended by faculty and chosen by a faculty committee to assist with recruitment and public relations activities, a select group of Southwest students become Bear Trackers. In recommending students for membership, faculty members consider each nominee's academic record, participation in school activities, and willingness and enthusiasm to represent the College in a positive manner. Academic Counselor Betty Johnson serves as their sponsor.

Functioning as ambassadors, Bear Trackers led campus tours, helped students move into the girl's dorm at the beginning of the semester, assisted with campus meetings or functions, and accompanied counselors on high school visits to promote the College. They aided faculty during Freshman Orientation, at "Discover Southwest Night," and with the Career Fair held on campus.

Through participation in this organization, Bear Trackers volunteered their time and gave their energies to recruiting others so that these new recruits could experience the essentials Southwest offers its students.

Working at the Career Fair, Valyncia Taylor gathers names of students interested in attending Southwest for later contact.



## ■ Bear Trackers ■

**Floor:** Jobina Khoo, Valyncia Taylor, Megan McGinnis, Amy Freeman

**Seated:** Alana Burnette, Charlsie Whetstone, Catherine Wall, Courtney Slaughter, Amanda Jackson

**Standing:** Laurie Lyn Ah Ping, Jeff Barber, Robert Green, Wes Gaskin, Stanley Wallace, Ryan Johnson, D. J. Preiss, Sarah Brabham

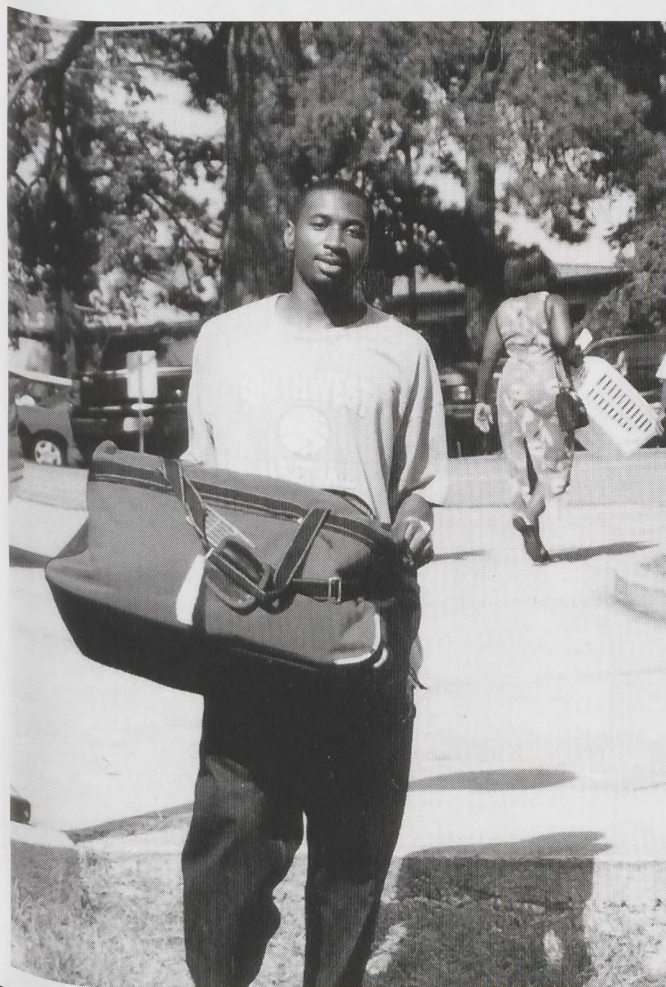




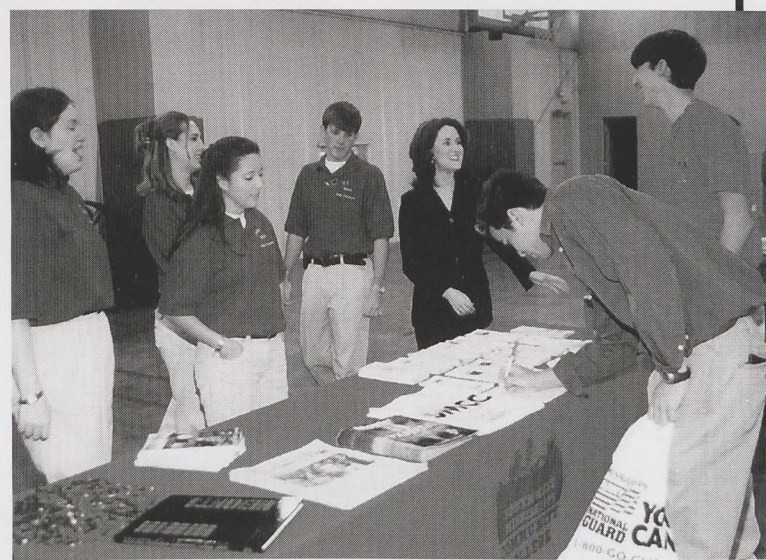
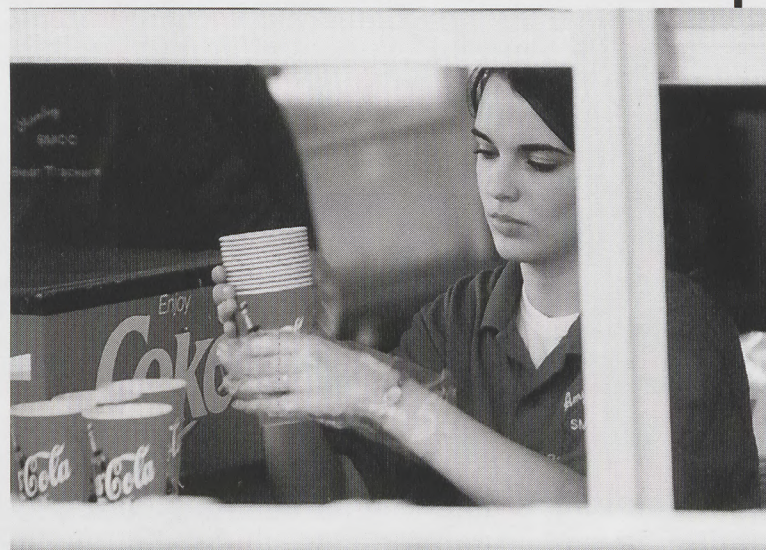
Making the most out of every trip, Alana Burnette stacks 'em high.

Unloading a microwave and TV, the essentials for dorm life, Wes Gaskin and Stanley Wallace's journey inside and up two flights of stairs begins.

Assisting with refreshments at Bear Jamboree, Amy Freeman takes her job seriously.



Putting his basketball skills of endurance to the test, Robert Green helps incoming students move into the Women's Dorm.



Assisted by Academic Counselor Lea Touchstone, Sarah Brabham, Amanda Jackson, Jobina Khoo, and D. J. Preiss return to their "old stomping ground," Parklane Academy, to recruit new Bears.



# Student Nurses Organization

## ■ *Maintain good health* ■

**L**earning through required courses how essential good health is to well being, associate degree nursing and pre-associate degree nursing students come together in the Student Nurses Organization (SNO) to discuss projects and activities that promote good health.

One annual project for SNO is a free blood pressure screening at the Summit Fall Fest. SNO members volunteer their time and expertise to take blood pressure readings. Those attending the Fall Fest have an opportunity to check their blood pressure by experienced students who seek to ensure good health in their "clients."

SNO membership represents both the Mississippi Organization of ADN Student Association (MOSA) and the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses (MASN). Members attend both state and national conventions each year, where they network with other nursing students.

As professional nurses, these students will have opportunities to education their patients about the importance of maintaining good health — one essential for true happiness.

During its fall meeting, SNO President Kim Callais talks to Kimberly Hodges, RN for Horizon Hospice in McComb, prior to Hodges' addressing the SNO. Hodges, a SMCC graduate, encourages students to consider becoming a Hospice nurse.

As Lora Blackwell observes, Janet Barnes eagerly awaits the results of her blood pressure reading by Stacey Bowman.



**Student Nurses Organization Officers**

Seated: Sheritha Copeland, Public Relations; Kim Callais, President; Tomekia Luckett, Public Relations  
Standing: Anita Yoder, Public Relations; Sally Ward, Public Relations; Jessica Issac, Treasurer; Debbie Ball, Public Relations; Heather Etheridge, Public Relations; Missy Temple, Secretary; Sara Hutchison, Public Relations; Charles Thompkins, President-Elect





# Scholars Bowl

■ *Be competitive* ■

## *Scholars Bowl gets new leader...*



Matt Calhoun may be the Scholars Bowl's new faculty sponsor or "coach," but he brings his experience as a Scholars Bowl participant and winner to the position. Whether at his desk or with the team, Matt prepares material to ensure this team's success.

**F**or the student who enjoys stiff competition or who desires to test his/her skills at trivia, a position on the Scholars Bowl team may satisfy this competitive urge. Although a storehouse of information is essential, a quick hand is even more essential to block out the competition.

However, Matt Calhoun knows all about strategies for success. As a student, his team won it all at the Ole Miss competition. As sponsor for Scholar Bowl, he imparted his secret for success to team members Sean Sartin, Ken Pendarvis, Sarah Brabham, and Alana Burnette. As a returning competitor from last year's team, Sarah related what her teammates should expect at competitions.

Whether competing for a scholarship today or competing to win a major business deal tomorrow, good competition is essential for future success, and these Scholars Bowl members are prepared for the challenge.

With buzzers in hand, Scholars Bowl members Sean Sartin, Ken Pendarvis, Sarah Brabham, and Alana Burnette prepare for upcoming contests through mock drills.





# Phi Beta Lambda

## ■ Pursue professional development ■

**P**hi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a national organization that assists students in becoming successful in the business world. In addition to learning about businesses and employers' expectations, members learn interview skills. Through PBL, students learn to lead and participate in group discussions, preside at meetings and conferences, work within committees, and engage in practical decision-making and problem-solving activities — all essentials for professional growth.

Students enrolled in the Office Systems Technology Program are invited to join this prestigious organization, which meets semi-monthly to discuss upcoming events and to prepare for competitions to test their professional skills. Funds raised through various projects aid the March of Dimes, support a needy child at Christmas, and assist with expenses to attend local competition in the spring.

Sponsored by Leanne Case and Kathy Boyte, Office Systems Technology instructors, PBL, where students pursue professional development, is alive and thriving.

### Phi Beta Lambda Officers

**Row 1:** Sonya Harrell, Vice President; Leigh Anne Anderson, President  
**Row 2:** Joy Cothren, Activities Director; Karen Cothorn, Historian; Nilah Caldwell, Public Relations; Charmane Gorden, Activities Director; Shelia Byers, Parliamentarian; Juliette Brown, Treasurer; Leanne Koch, Secretary



### Phi Beta Lambda Members

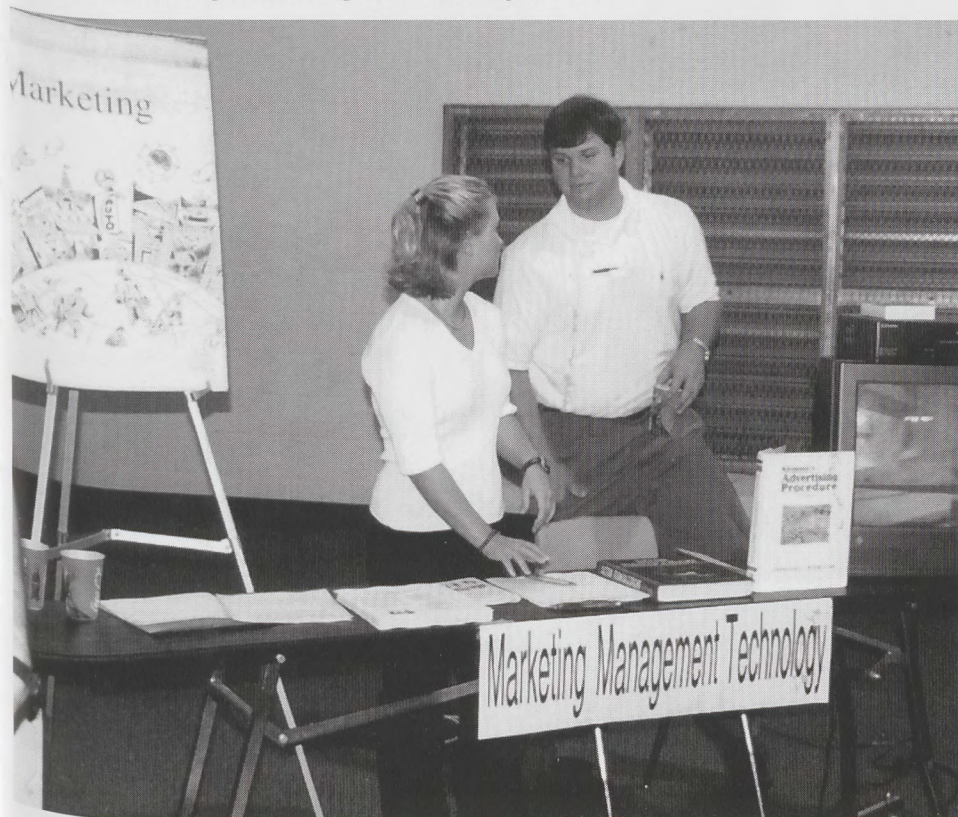
**Row 1:** LaSonja Dickey, Kristy Artman, Bonnie Robinson, Delisa White, Rose Johns, Pattie Howell, Leigh Anne Anderson, Shelia Byers; **Row 2:** Jenine Leazer, Delores Harvey, Sonya Harrell, Tashunda Carson, Charmane Gorden, Jennifer Clark, Tammy Barron, Juliette Brown, Deidra Magee; **Row 3:** Toni Stringer, Jessica Thompson, Nilah Cardwell, Karen Cothorn, Leanne Koch, Joy Cothren, Shaquilla Brumfield, LaTonya Hood, Joyce Pittman



# Delta Epsilon Chi

## ■ Market yourself ■

With materials in place, Sumer Cook and Justin Pigott wait for the crowds to come by the marketing booth during the Career and Jobs Fair.



In a competitive free-enterprise system, you must learn to market yourself — an essential for survival. Marketing students who participate in Delta Epsilon Chi learn strategies to market themselves and their products, and these strategies will assist them in their future roles in the business community.

Marketing students put their skills to the test when they compete each year with other marketing students from all Mississippi community colleges with marketing programs. But, before intense competition begins, students create and present products to their peers and invited “judges” as part of their program requirement. In preparing for these indepth presentations, group members study various demographics and create commercials and other advertising materials to market their product.

To promote the marketing program at Southwest, students in the program manned a booth at the annual Education, Career, Job, and Health Fair. Here, they answered questions and presented information to “sell” local high school students on Southwest’s marketing program.

Whether these marketing graduates continue their education or opt to work after graduation from Southwest, they have learned to market themselves as essential “commodities” — a successful strategy for any occupation.



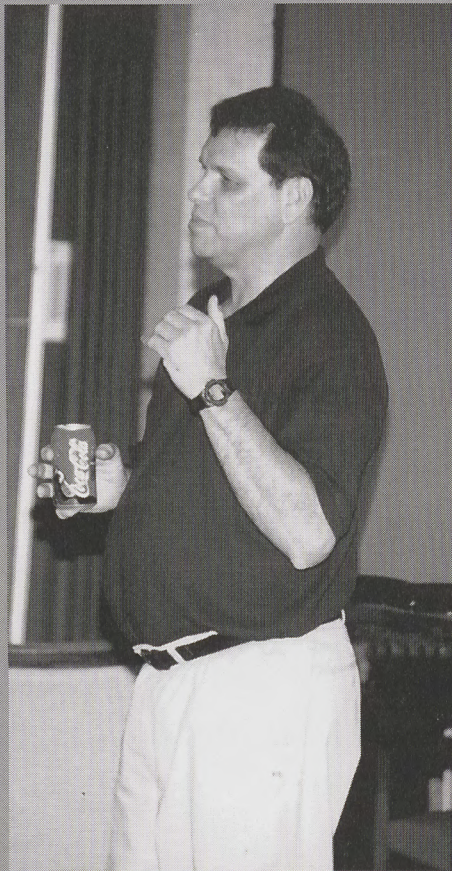
After identifying Baton Rouge as the target market, group members Shanay Bonds, Opey Brumfield, Sumer Cook, Erica Wheeler, Justin Pigott, and Yates Boyd are eager to share their advertising campaign for a Branson car stereo. Presentations like this prepare Delta Epsilon Chi students for competition.





## Worship Leaders...

These worship leaders have a heart for students. More importantly, they have a heart for the Lord's work. While students eat, Diane Woodall, pastor of Summit United Methodist Church, prepares her plate at the Thanksgiving feast. BSU Director Ed Abel makes several announcements before the weekly noon meal. Sophomore Frannie Hebert and Nicole Brignac, Director of Religious Education at St. Alphonsus, take advantage of their time together at the fall retreat of Harvest Ministries to make plans for upcoming CCM activities during the spring semester. And, Sister Edna Martin, having devoted years to the ministry, leads Wesley in a sing-along of familiar tunes.





# Campus Ministries

## ■ Pray often ■

### BSU Leadership Team

Amy Freeman, Wes Gaskin, Laura Bowser, Lee Peoples, Courtney Slaughter, Josh Bass, Natalie McGraw, Casey Carter



Three Christian organizations are alive and active on campus — the Baptist Student Union (BSU), the Wesley Foundation (Wesley), and the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM). Although the BSU focuses on Baptist students, the Wesley centers around Methodist students, and the CCM fosters the development of Catholic students on campus, all students are welcomed at any of these three campus organizations.

Through weekly meetings and Bible study, students listen to God's Word, fellowship together, and pray for each other. Each fall, students and faculty come together to worship and publicly take a stand for Christ during the "See You at the Pole" rally, supported by these campus ministries.

When the pressures of school, work, dating, and adjusting to campus life seem overwhelming, students can share these concerns with fellow Christians who will pray with them for peace, guidance, and direction. When they pray often, these fellow Christians establish an essential principle for living.



As Aaron Tullis, Corey Wall, and Russ Greer look on, David Blackwell gets in some practice time before leaving the BSU for his next class.



Josh Watts takes advantage of the peanut boil, hosted by the BSU after Southwest's game against Itawamba, and digs in to pile 'em high.

Anita Yoder, Priscilla Bridges, and Sheritha Copeland spend time together at Wesley, enjoy a good meal, worship, pray, and sing.



# Pine Burr

## ■ Stay informed ■

Southwest students have opportunities to let their creative juices flow or to develop their journalistic talents by becoming members of the *Pine Burr* staff. Sponsored by Sharon Lawson, staffers meet weekly to discuss current and upcoming events on campus. Their articles help students stay informed about educational programs, athletics, and general information of interest.

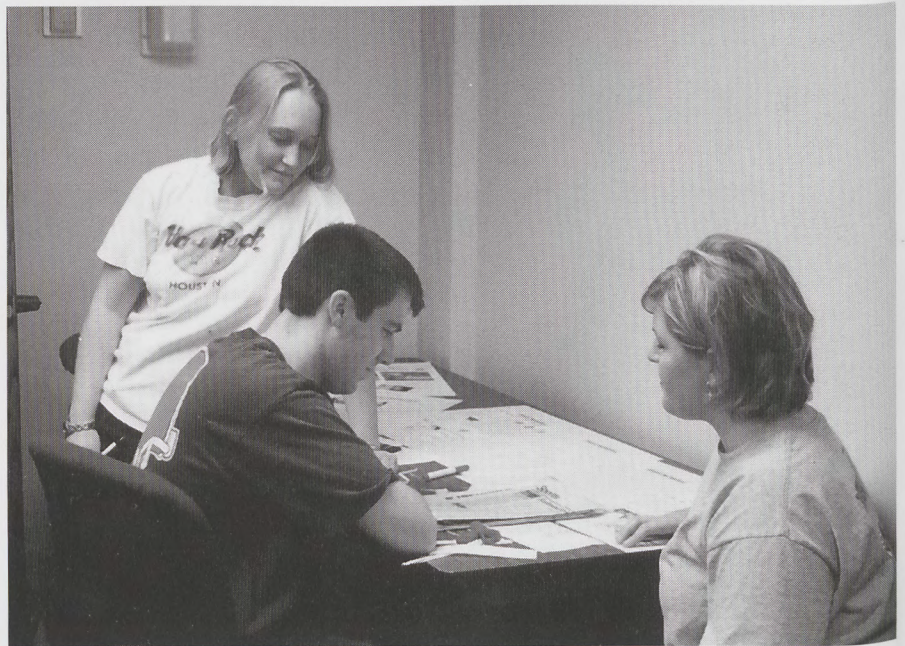
After receiving their assignments, staffers scurry around campus to interview or write their story before deadline. During their fall tour of the *Enterprise Journal*, these workers saw how the local newspaper printed the *Pine Burr* for Southwest. Seeing the steps that go from pen to print helped some students confirm journalism as their chosen major.

As quickly as staffers produce a monthly issue, students snatch them up to read about campus life. Hopefully, their quest for knowledge about campus life extends to a quest for knowledge on a larger scale. Since being a well-informed citizen is essential for making sound decisions, the *Pine Burr* does its part to help Southwest students stay informed.

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While sports writer Matthew Wheat scans the latest sports page, staffers Leigh Ray and Natalie McGraw offer moral support.

Matthew Wheat, Robyn Sprehe, and Natalie McGraw listen intently as Jack Ryan, writer for the *Enterprise Journal*, describes the printing process.

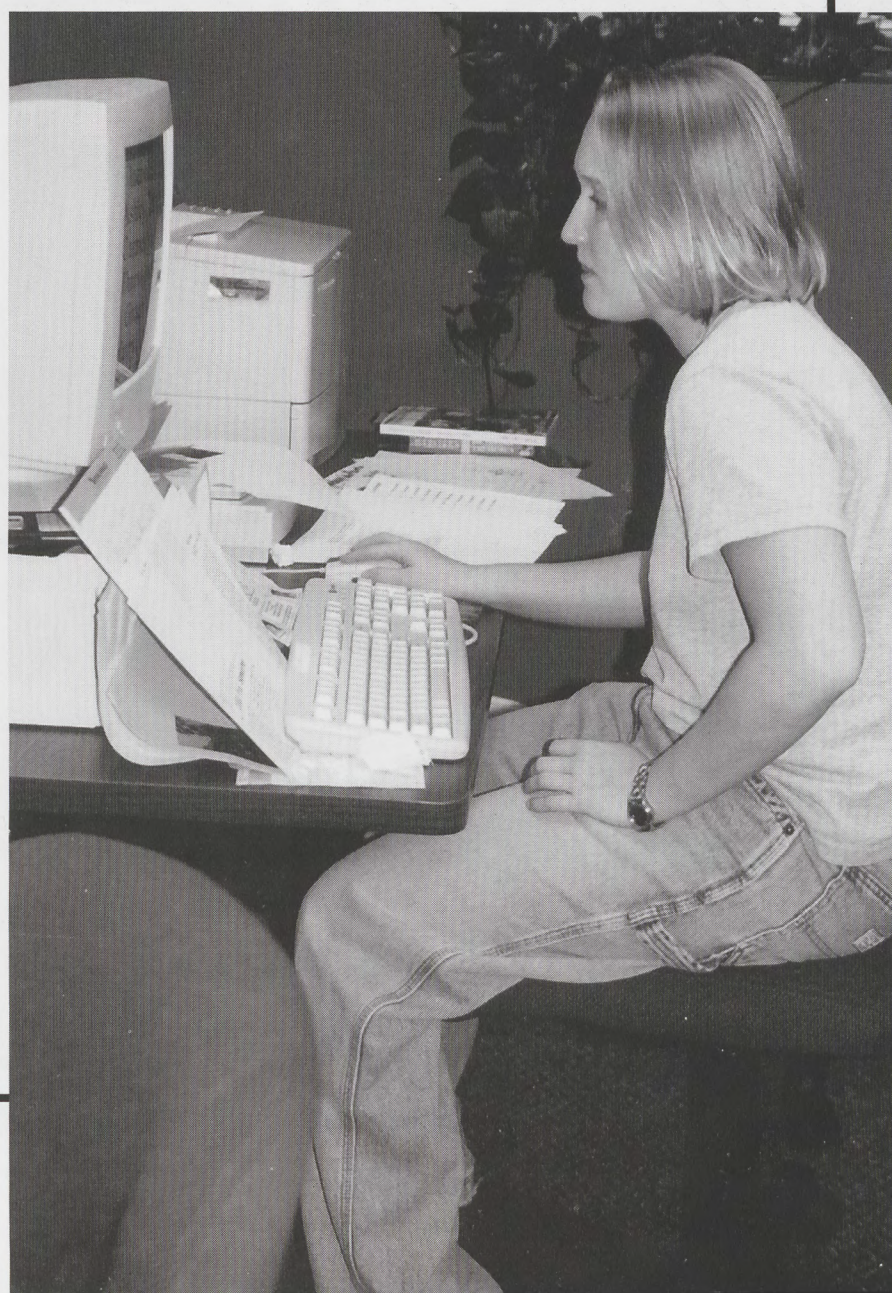
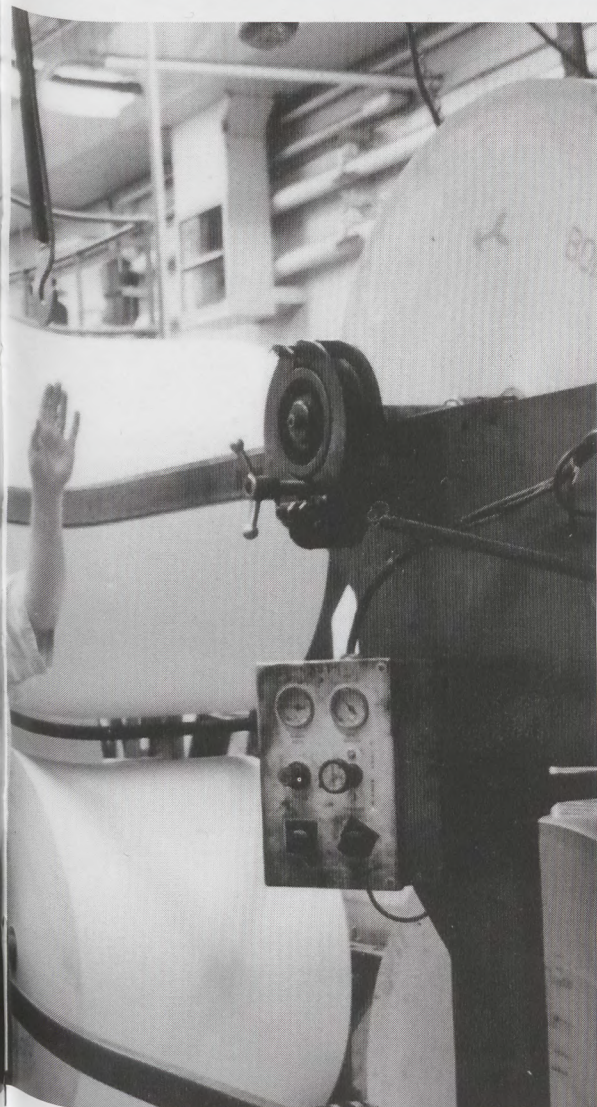
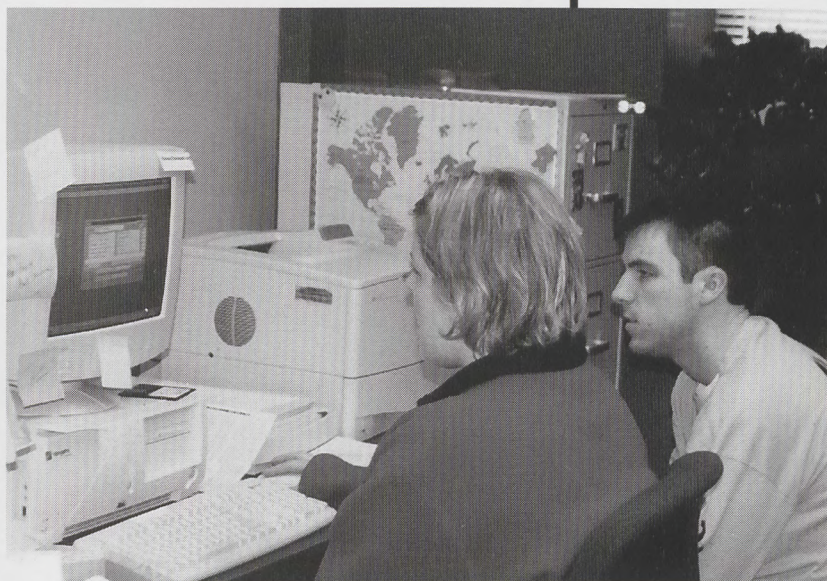




Dressed in her camouflage attire for Homecoming, Robyn Sprehe quickly types in her reports about Reflection and the SMCC choir before the paper goes to press.



When it comes to news, reporters Natalie McGraw and Matthew Wheat know that two heads working together are better than one.

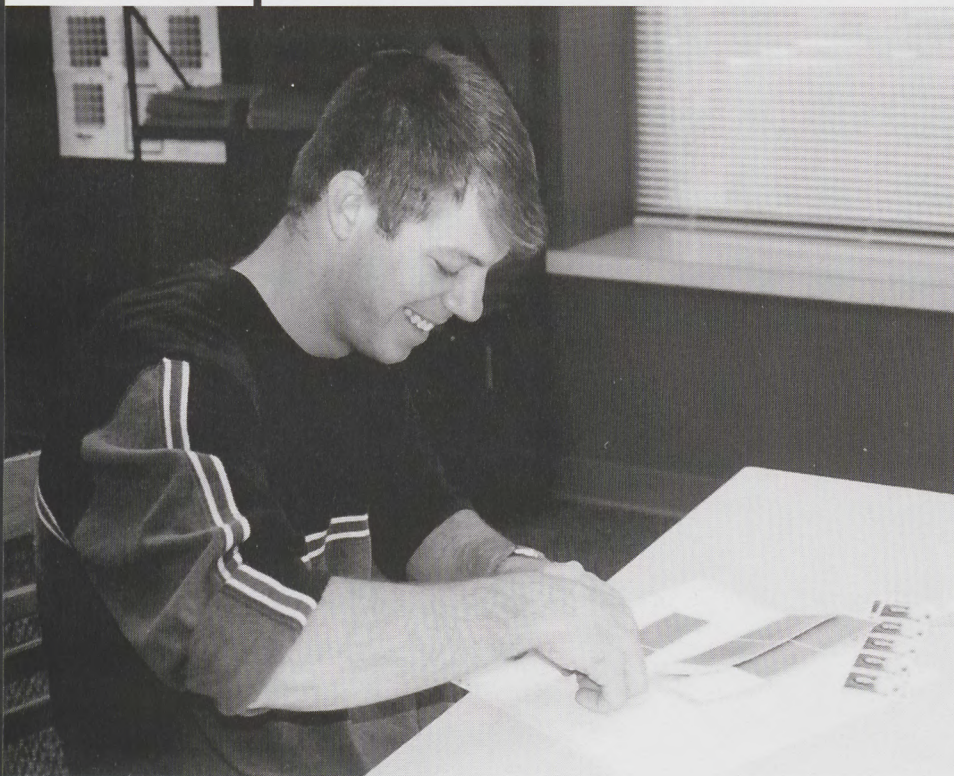


As editor of the *Pine Burr*, Leigh soon discovers that she will spend many hours in front of the computer working on layouts and stories.



With cropper in hand, Karena Conerly looks for the best angle.

Being a dorm resident, James Hughes easily identifies students on campus, particularly the female ones.



Donna Tillery applies a strategy to organizing her pictures.



# Whispering Pines

## ■ Make positive memories ■

Darline Hutson brings her prior experience in working with yearbooks to help create the 2001 *Whispering Pines*.



The *Whispering Pines* staff is responsible for capturing, through print and pictures, events during each academic year that will make positive memories for students to remember years after their days as Bears end.

Sponsored by Gwen May, staffers meet weekly to sort pictures, identify students, create layouts, write captions, and describe events. With the pressures of deadlines, staffers work as a team to meet these deadlines to ensure a spring delivery date.

Although students look forward to receiving their yearbook in the spring, they treasure their book more years later. Then when they pick it up, thumb through the pages, and read about Bear Jamboree, Bear Necessities Day, or state playoffs, memories rush to fill their minds, and for a brief moment they become Bears once again.

Thus, the *Whispering Pines* endeavors to create positive memories of the days when students crossed Bear Lake for class, sat on a bench with a friend, competed in tug-of-war, studied in a library carrel, performed in a Stage Band show, or cheered for the mighty Bears. Good memories... essentials for smiles.



Putting hundreds of pictures in alphabetical order is time consuming, but Shun Conerly and Crystal Cornell work together, which makes the task enjoyable.





# Choir ~ Reflection

## ■ *Make a joyful noise* ■

**W**hether you are a shower singer or a church soloist, you can continue to make a joyful noise as a member of the Southwest choir. Regardless of prior experience, weekly practices and performances promote musical development.

This year's choir members travelled to local churches, including Centenary Methodist Church in McComb, to entertain and worship with local congregations. Four members of the choir, Lee Rider, Felicia Scott, Shannon Dye, and Russ Greer, were selected to attend the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), in Hattiesburg. In addition, the choir, directed by Joe Elliott and accompanied by Carolyn Smith, performed in the Christmas Stage Band shows.

Choir members can testify that their year was a busy one - one in which reading music and pronouncing words clearly were essentials for successful performances. And, if by chance someone was unable to "hit the high note," he/she at least made a joyful noise.



Choir and Reflection members Lee Rider, Shannon Dye, Russ Greer, and Felicia Scott represented Southwest at NATS, held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

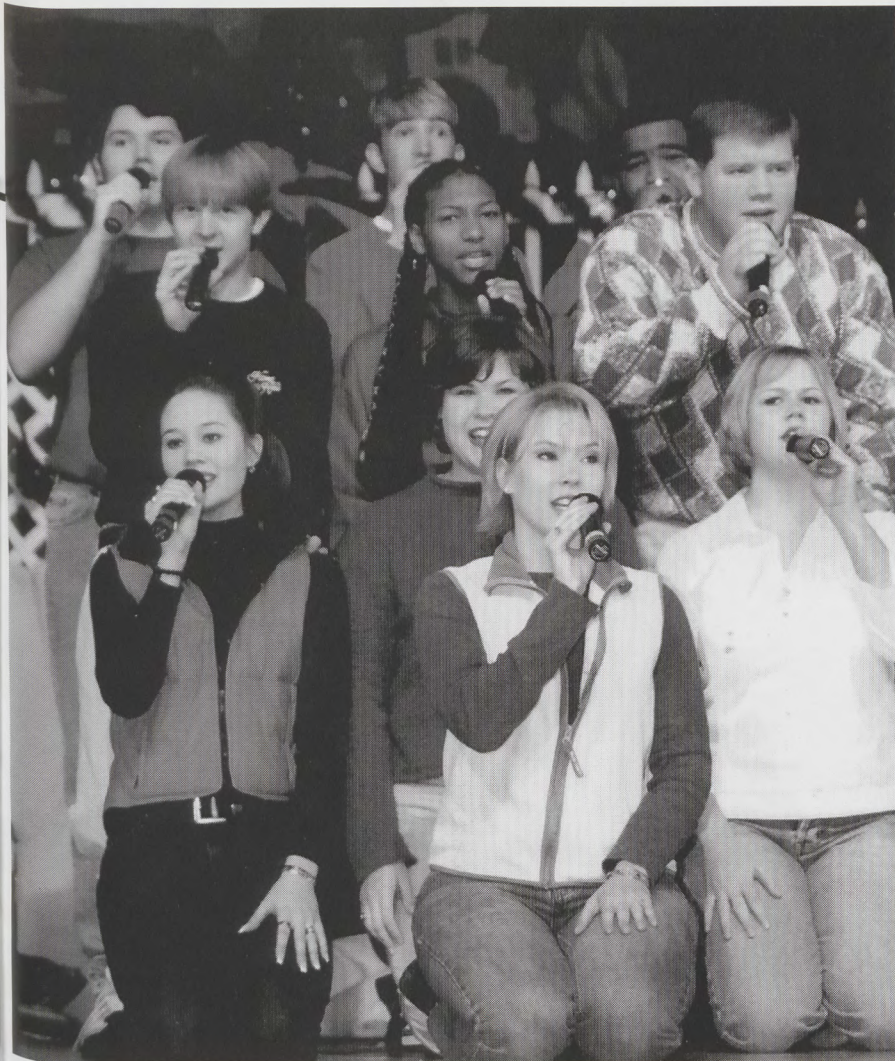
### Reflection

Catherine Wall, Lee Rider, Anthony Howard, Shane Adams  
Shannon Dye, Russ Greer, Dexter Dixon, Amanda Aldridge, Chasity Braswell, Felicia Scott



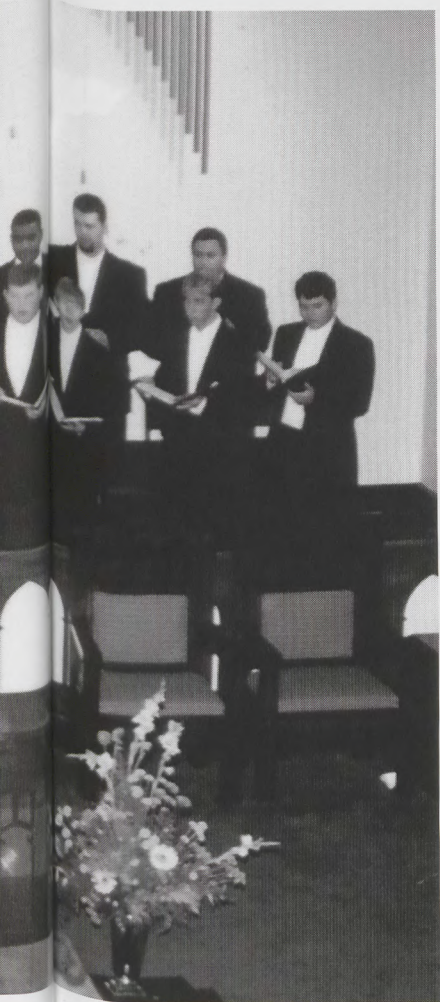
Directed by Joe Elliott and accompanied by Carolyn Smith, the SMCC Choir prepare their voices before the crowd enters the sanctuary for their performance at Centenary Methodist Church





Setting the tone for the entire evening, Reflection members sing an old classic, "Jingle Bells."

During the Stage Band performances, Dexter Dixon and Amanda Aldridge stay in perfect step and harmony.



#### SMCC Choir

Dennis Freeman, Amber McCormick, Robyn Speche, Rebecca Moyer, Bridgett Sumrall, Jamie Hoatland; row two: Amanda Aldridge, Denita Lollis, Requita Smith, Laura Bowser, Shannon Wallace, Roderick Hayes, Russ Greer, Lee Rider; row three: Felicia Scott, Constance Givens, Tammy Smith, Dexter Dixon, Shane Adams; row four: Chasity Braswell, Brandy Ard, Catherine Wall, Shannon Dye, Taylor Wells, Cornelius Young, Anthony Howard



Although Felicia Scott's solo, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," differs from Shannon Dye's "The Christmas Song," the message is clear in both numbers - Merry Christmas!



Dancing to the "Nutcracker," Rebecca Pope, Crystal Thomas, Buffy Bryant, Christy Higgins, Melissa Barkdull, Megan McGinnis, and Ashley Lang liven up the show.



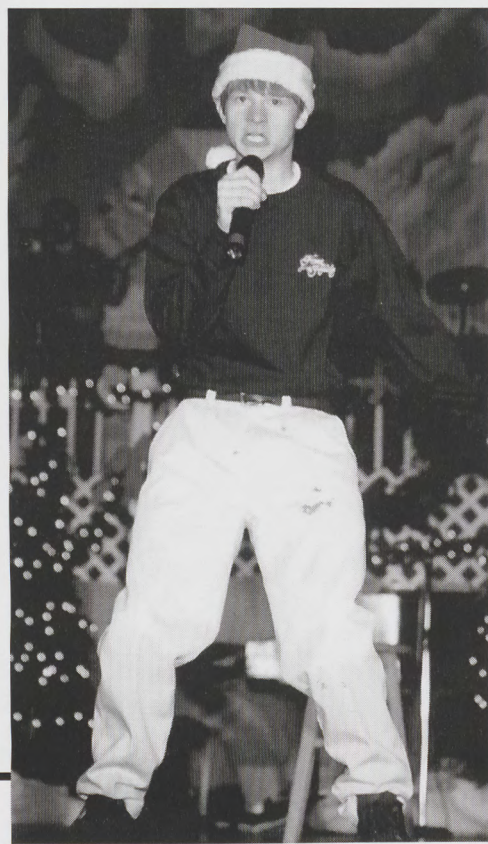


# Stage Band

## ■ Appreciate the arts ■

Brandi Jones, guest vocalist, brings thunderous applause when she sings "Don't Cry for Me."

The Stage Band musical numbers feature many sections. After weeks of practice, the stage band was ready to perform at the most wonderful time of the year.



Accompanied by Laura Calhoun, mathematics and computer science instructor, Jackie Robbins returns to the stage to perform "Mary Did You Know."

The Grinch may be a mean one, but the crowd loves Lee Rider, particularly when he tells the Grinch that he "stinks, stank, stunk."

With Jack Frost nipping at your nose and a wintry, snow-covered village set, Christmas filled the air for the four performances of the annual Stage Band Christmas shows. The combination of musical numbers, solos, and a visit from special guests, proves that "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

The variety of numbers pleased young and old alike. When Reflection, the Stage Band show choir directed by Carolyn Smith, set the tempo with "Jingle Bells," the crowd knew the ride had begun. No one could have expected a visit from Elvis, but Joe Elliott ensured that he came to sing "Heartbreak Holiday," and Lee Rider couldn't resist the opportunity to tell the Grinch, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch." On Saturday night, Santa left the North Pole long enough to make a visit to the little tots.

The dancers, directed by Cheryl Young, put their feet in action to "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "The Nutcracker" and the puppets, directed by Kayla Mangrum, charmed the young and young at heart with "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Frosty the Snowman."

Reflection soloists for the shows included Felicia Scott, singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," Shannon Dye, singing "The Christmas Song," and Russ Greer, singing "O Holy Night." Jackie Robbins, a former student and Reflection member, returned from a national tour to sing "Cowboy's Partner," written by him, and "Mary, Did You Know." As an added feature, Shane Adams on mallets and Katrina Pittman with her violin alternated playing "Silent Night." Special vocalist for the shows was Brandi Jones, whose performance of "Don't Cry for Me" brought thunderous applause and requests for more.

Dennis Freeman with his flute and Russ Greer playing guitar joined their talents for "Greensleeves." The ending number, "I Have Seen the Light," sung by Lee Rider, Russ Greer, and Joe Elliott, brought the crowds to their feet.

With the diversity of talent and performances, hopefully attendees gained a greater appreciation for the arts. However, one thing is certain - some may have come to the show undecided about the best time of the year, but by night's end, all agreed that Christmas, thanks to excellent performances by the Stage Band and guests, truly is the most wonderful time of the year.



# Marching Band

## ■ Discipline yourself ■

**T**he Marching Band received new leadership this year. Clay Whittington replaced Shelton Whittington, who retired in Spring 2000. In spite of the change in leadership, the band's excellent performances remained unchanged.

Being a member of the Marching Band is not an easy task. To be successful, you have to discipline yourself to hours of practice and hours of marching. Beginning in the summer heat at band camp, band members learned new material for fall half-time performances. In addition to half-time shows, band members displayed their musical talents during the year at pep rallies and parades. When football season ended, some members of the Marching Band moved indoors to perform with the Stage Band.

■ Drum Major Catherine Wall ■



To capture "The Soul of the Sixties" a rhythm section is a must. The band's rhythm section was an added plus to the halftime show this year.



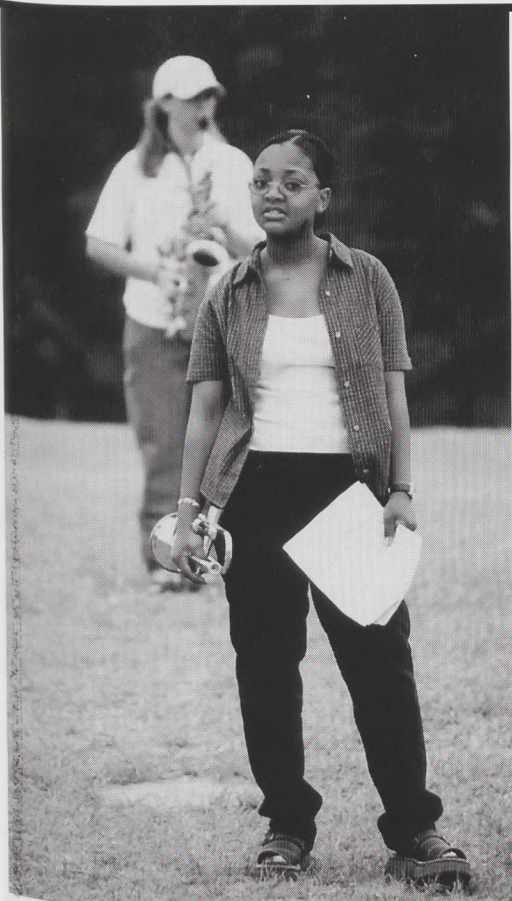
## ■ PERCUSSION ■

Corey Deer, Jason Marsalis, Justin Addison, D. J. Preiss; back row: Jason Chaisson, Russ Greer, Dan Sykes, Shane Adams





With music and horn in hand, Lakisha Woods waits for the signal to start. To prepare for this year's show, band members spent hours in practice and in learning new material.



## ■ BRASS ■

Clifton Marsalis, Constance Gordon, Sara Campbell, Jennifer Hughes, Joy Cothorn; row two: Katie Irving, April Gurney, Krishenia Williams, Lakisha Woods; row three: Taylor Wells, Lance Ezell, Cornelius Young



## ■ WOODWINDS ■

Johnny Couch, Nathaniel Coney, Robert Martin, Jill Honea; row two: Mary Varnell, Christy Marsalis, Tammy Smith, Lee Rider; row three: Dennis Freeman, Jennifer McMillan



After years of rehearsals, practice, and performances, Russ Greer, Lee Rider, and Johnny Couch show how easy playing the saxophone can be.



## ■ RHYTHM SECTION ■

Jason Chaisson, Yolanda Moss, Shane Adams; row two: Daniel Phillips, Justin Addison, Jason Marsalis



## ■ FLAG AUXILIARY ■

Kristy Williams, Cheramie Henagan, Kwanza Jackson, Amy Thompson; row two: Shaconda Johnson, Melissa McKinley, Valyncia Taylor, Jackie Reeves, Takesha Isaac



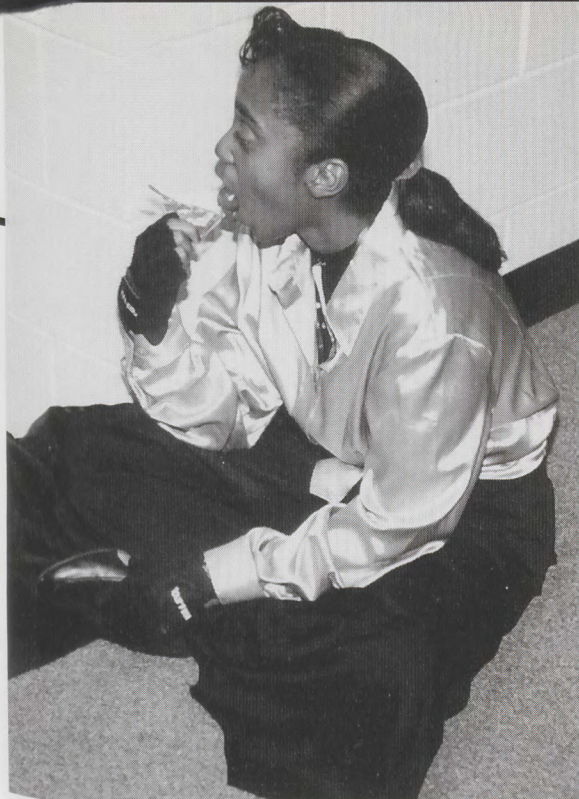
Halley Murray is a flaming addition to halftime performances.



## ■ CREW ■

Shannon McKnight, Scott McGehee, Buddy Waldrop; row two: Corey Deer, Jason Marsalis, D. J. Preiss





While the band takes a few minutes to rehearse before their march across the bridge to the game, Shaonda Johnson takes a few minutes to grab a snack.

The unified efforts of the band, flag auxiliary, and danceline create an atmosphere fit for royalty for Melissa Williams and the other Maids of the Court.



In addition to halftime performances, the band plays for the Homecoming Court.

## And the beat goes on...

Fans who attended fall football got an added treat. While football coaches and players huddled inside the fieldhouse to discuss strategies during half-time, fans remained glued to their seats to watch the band, dance line, twirler, and flag auxiliary in action.

Under the field command of Drum Major Catherine Wall, the band presented a half-time show, entitled "The Soul of the Sixties." Beginning their show with a Motown Medley containing the songs "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Can't Help Myself," "I'll Be There," "Baby, I Need Your Lovin'," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," and "Dancin' in the Street," the band then performed an arrangement of Aretha Franklin's "RESPECT" and the Motown favorite "My Girl." By the show's ending number of "I Feel Good," fans felt good, revived, and energized for the remaining half.

But, band members learned more this year than musical numbers and routines. They learned that through hard work and discipline, success comes — a *Bear Essential* for life.

■ Twirler Halley Murray ■





# ATHLETICS



As essential as Andreco Hines is to the team, it takes more than a quarterback to be victorious. Members of the football team quickly learned that victory comes through team effort.

**F**or many Bear fans, the highlight of each academic year occurs on the playing surfaces across campus. Whether in the gym or on the tennis courts, baseball field, softball field, golf course, or John I. Hurst Stadium, fans flocked to see the physical and mental battle between the mighty Bears and their opponents.

To sports enthusiasts, victory was the name of the game. In learning how to be victorious and in playing to win, Bear participants learned the essentials - teamwork, sacrifice, training, long suffering, dedication, cooperation - for success both on and off the battleground.







In the Bears season opener against Itawamba, Mike Mabry signals the touchdown for the Bears. The ending score of 48-6 showed that the Bears were going to be unstoppable.



With a loose ball, players like Tabitha Crossley "get down and dirty" to go after it. By night's end, the Lady Bears had emerged victorious with a 85-68 win over Northwest.

Taking total command of the shot, Robert Green adds two to the score. In a close game, the Bears ended with a narrow 84-83 win over Northwest.



*Playing to Win*



**Clashing helmets,  
intercepted passes, and  
fierce tussels for the  
pigskin make you ready  
for some ....**

# FOOTBALL

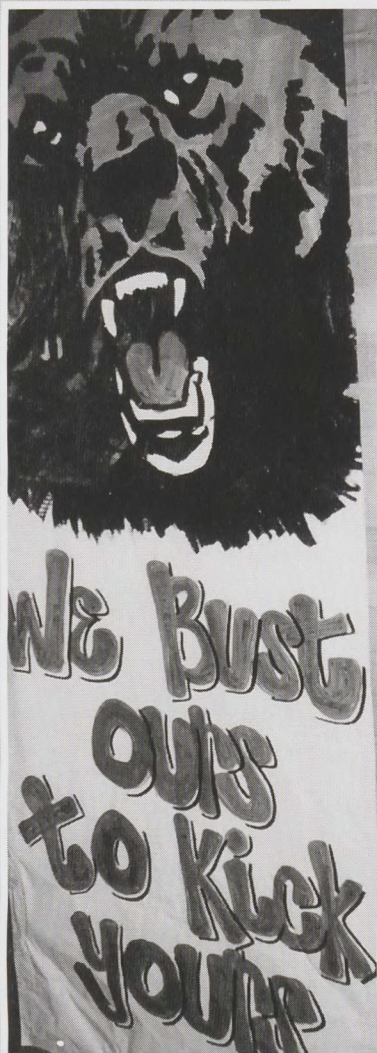
**W**ith the beginning of a new academic year comes the beginning of a new football season. Long practices in the August heat proved productive when the season heated up on the playing field.

When the season opener against Itawamba ended with a 48-6 romp over the Indians, the Bears were well on their way to receiving the national acclaim they deserved. A five-straight winning streak ended when the Bears fell to Pearl River in Poplarville, but the Bears quickly recooped from the loss to trounce the Co-Lin Wolves the following week with a 50-7 score.

With a national ranking under their belt early in the season, the once overlooked Bears became the team to reckon with. By season's end, the Bears had earned an outstanding 8-2 record and a berth in the playoffs.

With a 45-14 victory, the Bears eased effortlessly pass Itawamba in their rematch against the Indians in their first round of championship play, but, unfortunately, their rematch against Hinds ended with the same results as the first. By buzzers end, Hinds claimed the state championship trophy, and the Bears returned to Summit in 2nd place.

But, to the Bear fans, their team had been a winner all season. It had created non-stop action, bragging rights, and a new legacy. In the following years, the mighty Bears would be the team to fear.

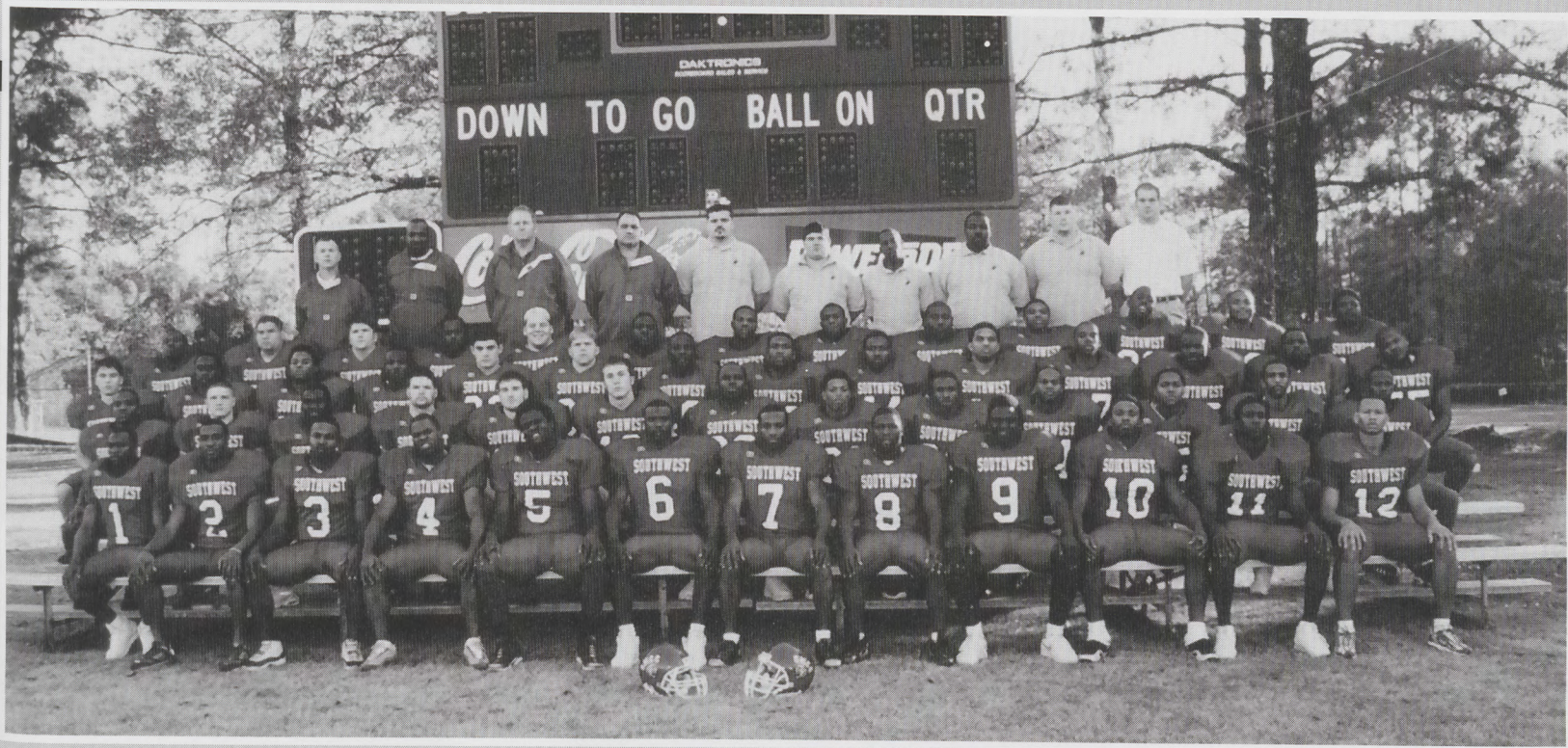


The poster Natalie Thurman, Tiffany Hill, Allison Wallace, Katie Perry, and Kristina Ashley created for Homecoming summed up the attitude of the Bear team.

With his destination in sight, Carlos Thompson, followed by Reggie Anderson, moves the ball upfield on the kickoff return against Jones.







### 2000 Bears Football Team

— Enjoying a season in which they received national recognition, placed second in the State Championship game, and earned the respect of their peers, fans, and competitors —



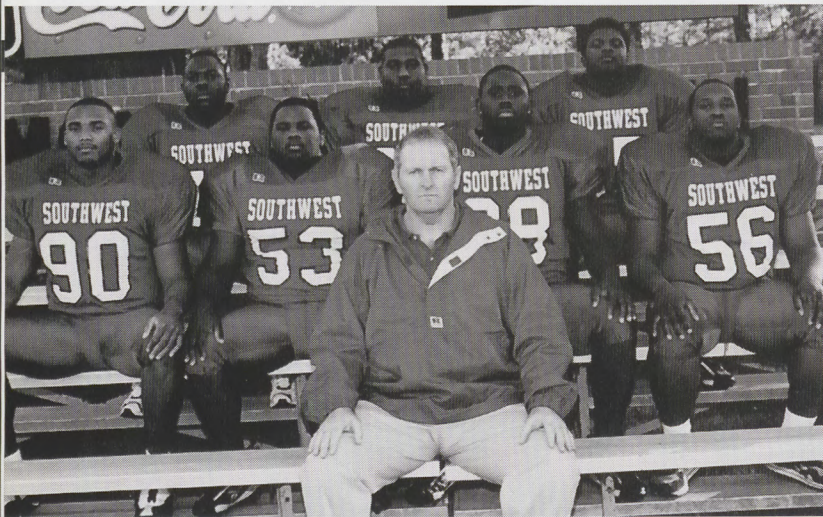
In the season opening against Itawamba, Arthur Smith takes advantage of his break between playing time on the field to grab a few gulps of much-needed water

When the Bears hit the field, they came to play, as their record confirms. Each week cheerleaders created a new run-through to encourage the guys.



#### Defensive Linemen

Coach Charles Anthony  
Roy Williams, Kevin Turner, Demarcus Johnson, Arthur Smith;  
back, Tramaine Jackson, Cori Youngblood, Lonzo Walker



#### Offensive Linemen

Anthony Bonds, David Hughes, Chad Haynes, Johnny Johnson, Lamarcus Turner;  
row two, Clayton Crawford, Mike Mabry, Jamie Jackson, Deshon Lee, Maurice Jackson;  
row three, Coach Dom Green



In the season opener against Itawamba, Kevin Morris, Arthur Smith, and Kevin Turner each find their "man" and stick to him.



#### Kickers

Dameon Thompson, Brad Boyd, Justin Simpson; back, Coach Kenny Edenfield



#### Quarterbacks

Steven Erdey, Coach Kenny Edenfield, Andreco Hines



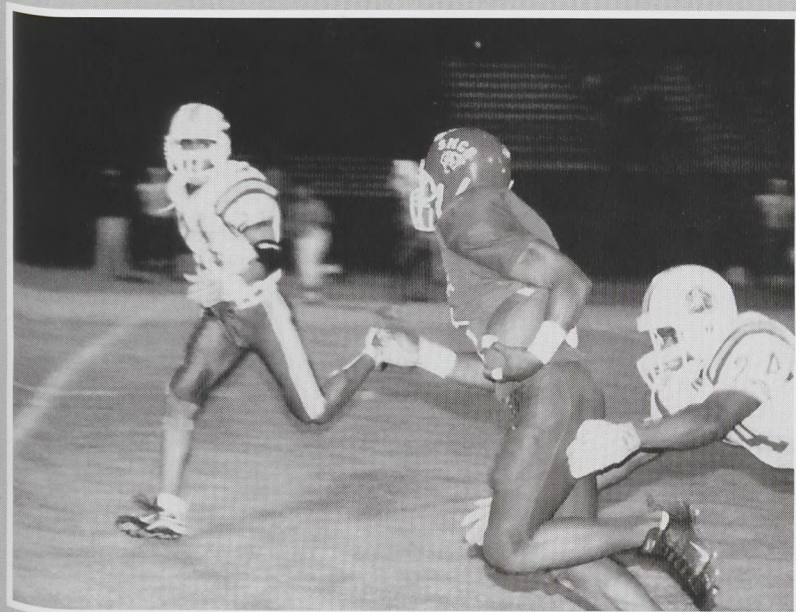
#### Line Backers

Brandon Jamison, Chad Mascoe, Coach Charles Anthony, Kelvin Morris, Travis Wesby;  
row two, Eugene Thompson, Nick Tynes, Ivy Pittman, Andre Thorton;  
row three, Jason Alexander, Ronnell Tillman



#### Defensive Backs

Carlos Thompson, Don Gibson, Coach Kenny Miller, Reggie Anderson, Reginald Reese; back, Kyle Dillon, Michael Washington, Cory Isaac, Clifton Collins, Joe Williams



During the Homecoming game against Gulf Coast, Joe Hill fails to elude the clutches of capture. Fortunately for the Bears, he escaped many other tackles throughout the year to earn the title of Joe "Thrill" Hill.



With Nick Tynes rushing over for coverage, Michael Washington squares off against Gulf Coast, stopping any Bulldog advancement.



#### Receivers

Joe Hill, Bradley Behrnes, Coach Kenny Edenfield, Justin Simpson, Kent Smith;  
back, Desmond Collins, Otto Bonds, Dameon Thompson, Chavel Williams



#### Running Backs

Jacob Prim, Coach Kenny Edenfield, Brandon Badon;  
back, Alonzo Ard, James Abraham, Chris Gordon



After the snap, Andreco Hines moves quickly out of the pocket and searches for an open Bear upfield.



Preparing the field before each home game, managers Phillip Notriano and Rod Graham become quite proficient at "paint by numbers."

Despite their strength, muscle, and brawn, players seek strength and protection from a higher power. Demonstrated by Lamerial Perry and Reggie Anderson, a common scene this year was players, coaches, managers, cheerleaders, and others joining hands and praying.



#### Trainers

Casee Rhodus, Bryan Hirstius, Michelle Ziegler, Dennis Perky



#### Managers

Steven Redmond, Rod Graham, Phillip Notriano; back, Lamerial Perry, Donald Williams, Heath Fairburn

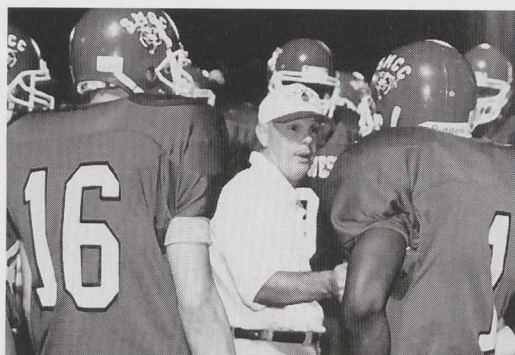




US	2000 Season	THEM
48	Itawamba	6
33	East Mississippi	14
21	Mississippi Delta	14
16	Jones	15
50	Co-Lin	7
18	Pearl River	20
55	Gulf Coast	19
35	Coahoma	0
24	East Central	12
9	Hinds	28

#### State Playoffs

45	Itawamba	14
17	Hinds	27



**Bear Coaching Staff**

Kenny Edenfield, Head Coach, Charles Anthony;  
back, Dom Green, Kenny Miller

In addition to team success, many players experienced individual successes, beginning with the opening kickoff of the 2000 JUCO football season. In the season opener against Itawamba, wide receiver Desmond Collins set the pace for the upcoming season by returning the Indians' opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown. The Bears struck early and often to win 48-6.

With a record of 3-0, Bear fans feared the Bears of old had returned during the Jones game. Unable to earn a touchdown, the Bears relied on a pair of errant point-after-touchdown conversions and three field goals by Brad Boyd, which earned him the game ball, to squeak by the Bobcats 16-15.

However, the following week's 50-7 pounding of Co-Lin reassured fans that the Bears of old were no more. The Bears jumped out early and maintained the pressure to grab a 50-7 victory from the Wolves. Receiver Joe "Thrill" Hill picked up 129 yards, including three touchdowns. Twelve Bear rushers combined to carry 47 times for 241 yards, and Andreco Hines was 4-for-7 passing for 122 yards. At game's end, Coach Edenfield stated, "This was the most points scored since I've been here." Although all victories were sweet, trouncing archrival Co-Lin may have been the sweetest victory of the season.

At the beginning of the 2000 season, many, including the coaches, wondered how effective this new Bear team would be. Losing 35 lettermen from last season and with most all the 1999 cast of Southwest's defense having transferred to major college football, Coach Edenfield stated that it would simply take a little more effort to win some ball games. "This year, we've got good talent, but they're all freshmen," Edenfield said. "It all depends on how quickly they grow up." And, grow up they did.

With a 8-2 regular season, the Bears made the playoffs for the first time in school history under the current format. Southwest last won the State Junior College title in 1958 and had earned the opportunity to capture the title once again in 2000. Unfortunately, that win was not to be. In the championship game, the Bears fell to Hinds, for the second time of the season.

Southwest may have returned to Summit in second place, but this young team claimed the respect of fellow competitors who learned during the 2000 season that the nationally-ranked Southwest Bears have the essentials to win!



**Dribbles, jumps,  
dunks, and drills  
can mean only  
one thing...**

**C**omments, such as “we’re going to be a running, gunning team...” and “in 10 years of coaching, this team has the best attitude I’ve ever coached,” made by Bears Coach Bill Wallace during the opening games of the Bears basketball season put the team in the right frame of mind for a winning season.

Beginning with its season-opening 102-94 victory over Mississippi Delta on the road to its 101-87 victory over Mississippi Delta at its home opener, basketball fans knew this team was not afraid to take it to the hoops. Thirteen of the 14 Bear cagers who saw action in Moorhead scored in the season opener. Making the list of high scorers, Wesley Haynes led with 23 points, sophomore guard Robert Green scored 21 points, freshman Josh Reed added 14 points, and freshman Brandon Griffin contributed 13 points. For the first seven games, the Bears organization seemed unstoppable.

Yet, the Bears quickly learned that all good things come to an end, as they succumbed to Jones in Ellisville, a loss that ended their seven-game winning streak. Refusing to let this small bump destroy their attitude, the Bear rebounded two games later against East Mississippi.

The Bears returned to Horace C. Holmes Gymnasium after Christmas holidays to defeat Northeast, which improved their season to 9-3 overall. Fans thought the same momentum that began the opening season would continue in the opening games of the new year. Unfortunately, the momentum cooled down as the season heated up.

Yet, the Bears refused to fall prey to a winless second half of the season. Instead, they regrouped, applied the pressure, scored, and broke losing streaks. When others might have been in doubt, the Bears organization proved without a doubt that they possessed the essentials needed to win!

# BASKETBALL

With her eye toward the goal, sophomore Melissa Williams moves the ball past the Northwest defense.

Setting sight on Wesley Haynes, Robert Green ensures Bear possession. From the beginning tipoff to the ending buzzer, the match between Southwest and Northwest was a scrap to the finish; however, the mighty Bears prevailed.







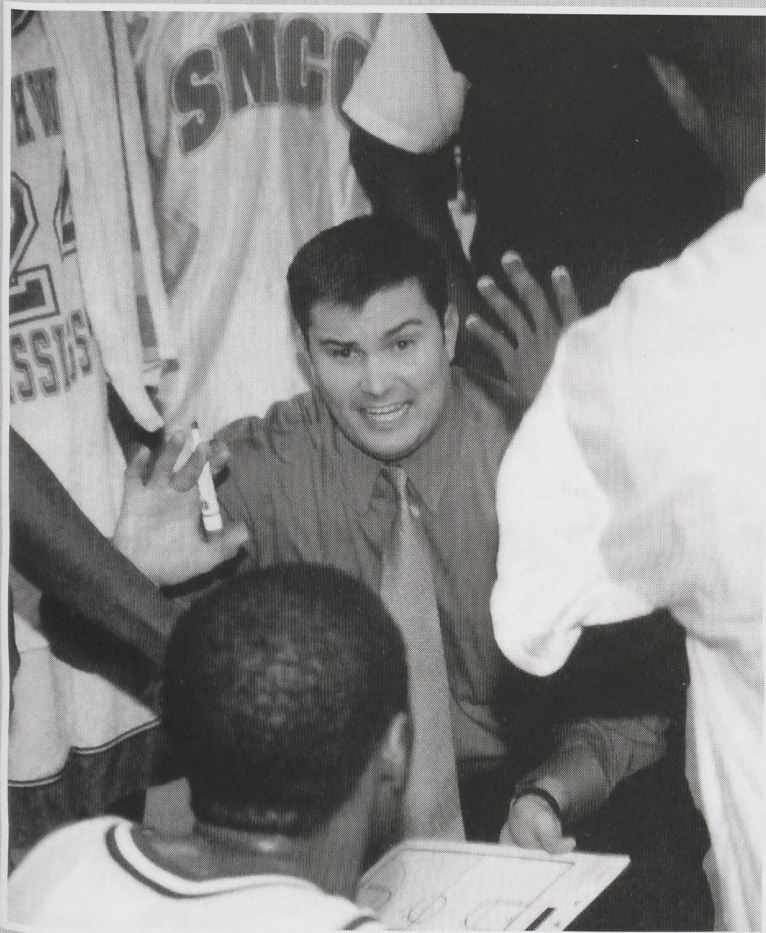
Northwest defense prevents Brandon Griffin from making this shot, but by night's end, Griffin had added 10 points to the total score in spite of their coverage.

Traci Forrest, Tara Hays, and Jessica Herron show that hustle is the name of the game.



## — Timeouts —

Whether called by a Bears' coach or an opponent's, timeouts provide essential time for coaches like Bill Wallace (left) and Mark Swindle (below) to make necessary offensive or defensive adjustments.





Finding an open shot under the goal, Josh Reed takes advantage and takes two.



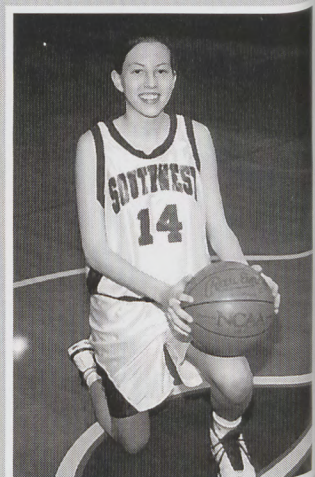
Brent Butler wastes no time in moving the ball down the court and into play.



Jennifer Jefferson



Colleen White



Traci Forrest

Having skill and precision, Sedric Travis needs only one hand to add points to the score.



Jessica Herron



Safronia Dixon



Tori Thomas

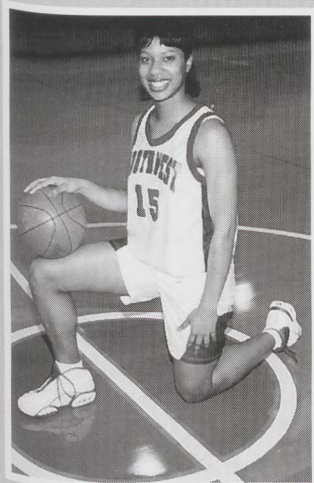


Alicia Smith

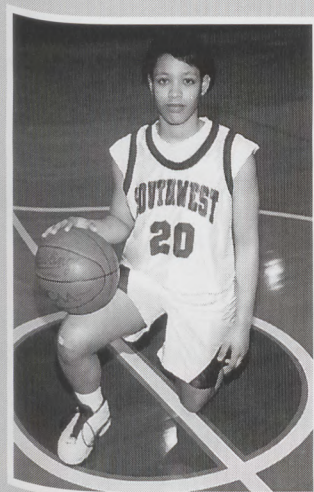




Natasha Booth



Collete White



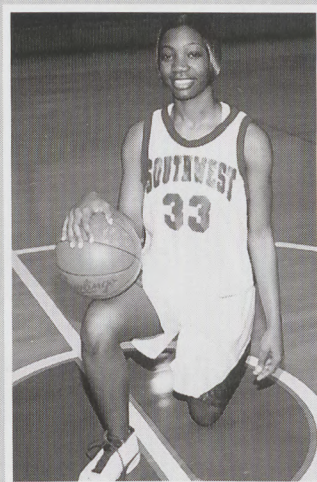
Nicole Tanner



Melissa Williams



Brenda Alexander



Tabitha Crossley



Tara Hays

Traci Forrest knows that free throws are free points, so she takes her time, concentrates, and puts it away.



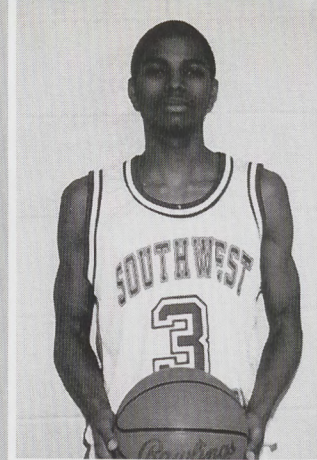
Keeping an open eye for a chance to score, Nicole Tanner moves the ball down the court for the Lady Bears.



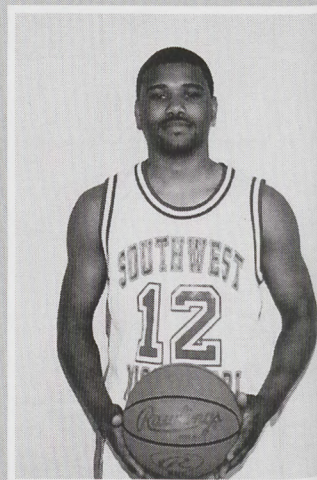
Not waiting for Tori Thomas, Safronia Dixon searches for an open "man."



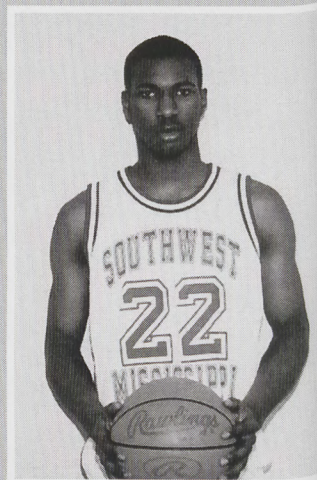
As the action against Northwest heats up, Robert Green tightens up.



Brent Butler



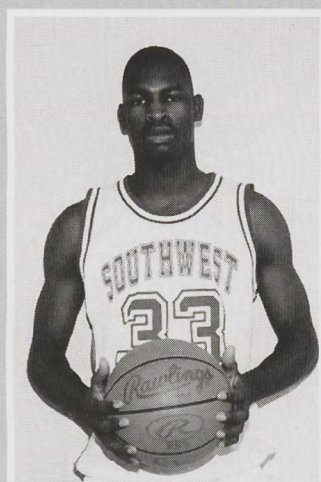
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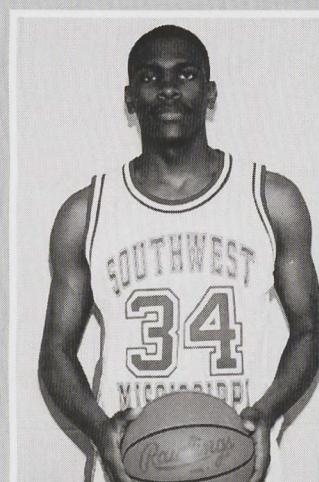
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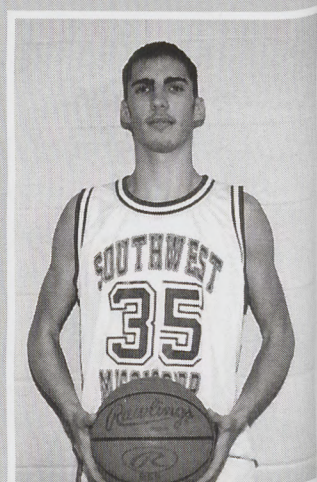
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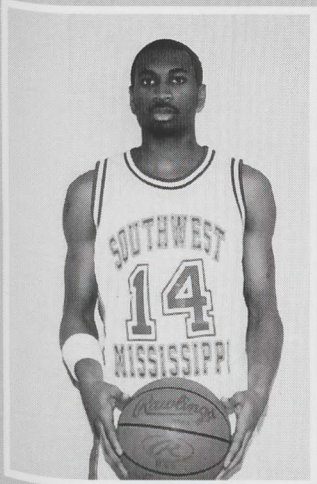


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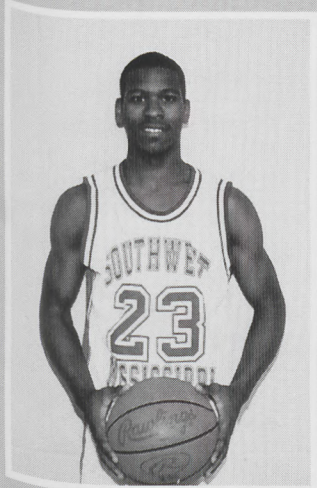




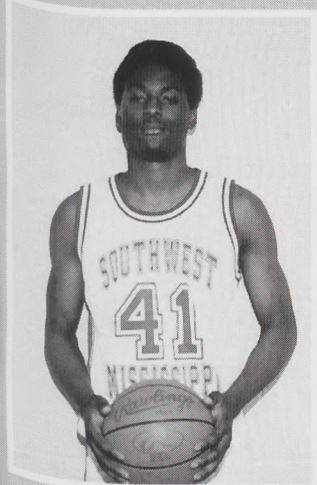
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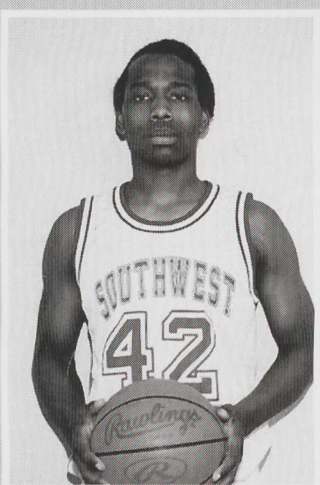
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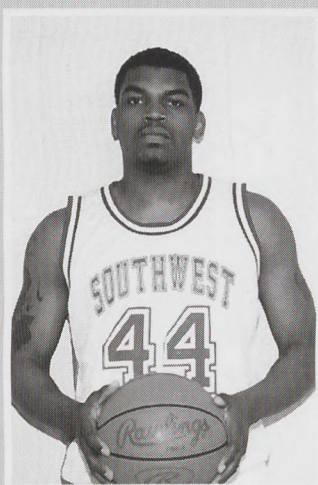
Hustling for the ball, Wesley Haynes pulls it back in for the Bears.



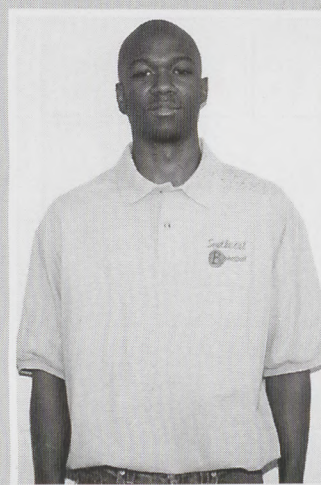
In basketball, height is the name of the game. Despite a sea of waving hands, Brenda Alexander towers above and never loses sight of the goal. Unfortunately, Natasha Booth's 5-9 frame was not enough to grab the rebound from the impending clutches of the foe.



Byron Hollinger



James "Jock" Corbin



Zack Ratcliff  
Manager



Wesley Haynes hangs one in for two.



## • BEARS •

### WHAT'S • THE • SCORE?

US	2000 Season	THEM
102	Mississippi Delta	94
96	Holmes	92
93	Coahoma	82
101	Mississippi Delta	87
69	Itawamba	68
84	Northwest	83
80	Holmes	74
71	Jones	79
72	Pearl River	78
87	East Mississippi	82
83	Delgado	95
83	Northeast	79
78	Northwest	91
78	East Central	81
68	Hinds	64
58	Gulf Coast	64
67	Co-Lin	85
66	Jones	80
62	Pearl River	77
86	Delgado	83
56	East Central	66
71	Hinds	66



Demonstrating good defense, Collette White watches every move her "man" makes.





## • LADY BEARS •

US	2000 Season	THEM
89	Mississippi Delta	92
79	Holmes	77
87	Coahoma	50
90	Mississippi Delta	56
69	Itawamba	77
85	Northwest	68
77	Holmes	68
76	Jones	98
69	Pearl River	79
83	East Mississippi	72
86	Delgado	71
56	Northeast	55
70	Northwest	88
68	East Central	72
62	Hinds	59
89	Gulf Coast	85
51	Co-Lin	72
69	Jones	60
62	Pearl River	66
75	Delgado	67
61	East Central	102
73	Hinds	55



**Trainer**  
Keith Raybon

## Lady Bears gain new leader

**M**ark Swindle's replacing Dean Oliver Young brought new leadership to the Lady Bears for their 2000-2001 season. Coach Swindle began the season with a strong desire to "bring recognition to the Lady Bears," and this recognition was quick in coming.

Falling to Mississippi Delta in the season opener, the Lady Bears rebounded the following week to defeat Holmes with a 79-77 score. Brenda Alexander led the Lady Bears with 20 points, followed by Natasha Booth's 10. The winning spirit continued three days later with a decisive 87-50 win over Coahoma. Thirteen of the 14 players who saw action for the Lady Bears got in the scoring column against Coahoma. Tabitha Crossley paced the Lady Bears with 13 points. Jennifer Jefferson and Brenda Alexander both scored 12 points, while Colette White scored 11 points.

Although the January 2001 opener against Northeast produced a 56-55 win for the Lady Bears, which improved their season to 8-4 overall, perhaps the most nail-biting action of the season occurred four games later with the Lady Bears' overtime 89-85 win against Gulf Coast. The score was 36-36 at halftime and Nicole Tanner's 3-pointer with 40.7 seconds left on the clock tied the score 76-76 at the end of regulation play. With 2:05 left in overtime, the Lady Bears trailed 85-80. Tabitha Crossley's 3-pointer boosted the team to within 85-83. Traci Forrest's pair of free throws and Erika Rogers' layup put Southwest up 87-85 with 35.2 seconds left. Forrest added two more free throws with 9.5 seconds remaining, making Southwest the 89-85 victors. The win moved the Lady Bears to 10-6 overall with eight games remaining before end-of-the season tournaments.

The Lady Bears, consisting of four returning sophomores, including Southeastern Louisiana University signee Melissa Williams, and ten incoming freshmen, produced non-stop action and enjoyment for Bear fans during its 2000-2001 season. At the end of the last buzzer for the season, sports enthusiasts looked forward to next year's season and to returning to Horace C. Holmes Gymnasium, where the Lady Bears will once again execute the essentials needed to be victorious.



When the  
"Boys of Summer"  
take to the field,  
it's time for...

**W**armer days, sprouting grass, freshly raked dirt, and cracking bats marked the beginning of another baseball season for the Southwest Bears. And yet, there is more to the sport than meets the eye.

All winter long, athletes trained and strengthened their bodies physically for the upcoming season. Starting in late September with fall baseball, coaches got a good opportunity to evaluate their players so they could better prepare for the spring season. "We try to get our guys in the correct positions, to both help us win and get them to the next level," stated Coach Holmes. "We also try to correct any mistakes in their hitting or pitching techniques."

As the "real" season began, players soon discovered that their hours of training and sweat were not wasted. Through rigorous training in the off-season, they were prepared to take to the fields in excellent shape and to endure hours of long practice and competition in the late afternoon sun.

Baseball athletes not only prepared their bodies for the sport, but they also prepared the playing grounds. Assigned specific duties before and during the season, the players took pride in preparing the battleground for their adversaries, who fell to the excellent Bear pitching and hitting.

As the season ended, many of these athletes moved on to universities, while others began the rigors of training once again before returning for the 2001-2002 season. Regardless of journeys, each player took the essentials learned both on and off the field with them to their destinations.



#### JUCO All-Star Participants

Andy Lange, Brant Kogel,  
Josh Wilkinson, Scott Newman

# BASEBALL

#### Pitchers

Richard Flacomio, Jason Hailey, Jason Chabreck, Hayes Coddou  
Standing: Dustin Wilkinson, Andy Lange, Mark Barrilleaux, Colin Vial



#### Infielders

Richard Flacomio, Josh Wilkinson, Josh McKenzie, Dustin Wilkinson  
Standing: Patrick Kenney, Brady Sledge, Brant Kogel, Ron Mead





**Catchers**  
Rich Newman, Douglas Lagroue



**Outfielders**  
Dustin Hano, Donald Williams  
Scott Newman, Joe Williams, John Matherne



### 2001 Baseball Team

Ron Mead, Josh Wilkinson, Donald Williams, Douglas Lagroue, Patrick Kenney, Joe Williams; row two, Dustin Hano, Jason Chabreck, Josh Hailey, Hayes Coddou, Josh McKenzie, Richard Flaccomio, Dustin Wilkinson, Andy Lange; row three, Colin Vial, Scott Newman, Brady Sledge, Brant Kogel, Rich Newman, John Matherne, Mark Barrilleaux



If baseball  
or golf is not your  
“thing,” try the summer  
sports of...

## SOFTBALL ~ TENNIS

**R**eturning for his second season at the helm of Southwest's softball program, Dan Lewman describes this year as a building year in which he “wants to build the softball program to new heights, to give the program some distinction, and to build the program to the best it can be.”

Of the eleven players on the Lady Bears' roster, Melissa Williams was the only returning member from last year's team. The remaining players were all freshmen, so Coach Lewman had plenty of young talent to build.

However, what the Lady Bears' fast-pitch softball team lacked in number and experience playing at a higher level, it made up for in terms of quality, particularly speed and attitude. The Lady Bears prepared for the season by working on their conditioning and agility skills, and when the time came to demonstrate the fruits of their labor, they showed that they had the essentials to be strong competitors.

Mark Swindle, Southwest's newest tennis coach, performed double coaching duty in 2000-2001 by replacing Oliver Young as the women's basketball coach. Teaching algebra classes and coaching two sports, Coach Swindle successfully juggled each responsibility and ensured that each student he taught, either in the classroom or on the courts, received the essentials they needed for academic or athletic success.

Whether on the softball field or tennis courts, Southwest Bears swung their way into history.

### 2001 Softball Team

Kelly Cummings, Charlsa Turner, Jessica Monistere, Sarah Hughes, Cassie Hamilton  
Standing: Amber Harvey, Crystal Travis, Melissa Williams, Laura Graves, Casee Rhodus, Alison Price, Dana Monistere, Coach Dan Lewman



### 2001 Tennis Team



Mark Swindle  
Tennis and Women's Basketball  
Coach



Cheramie Henagan



Shawn Smith

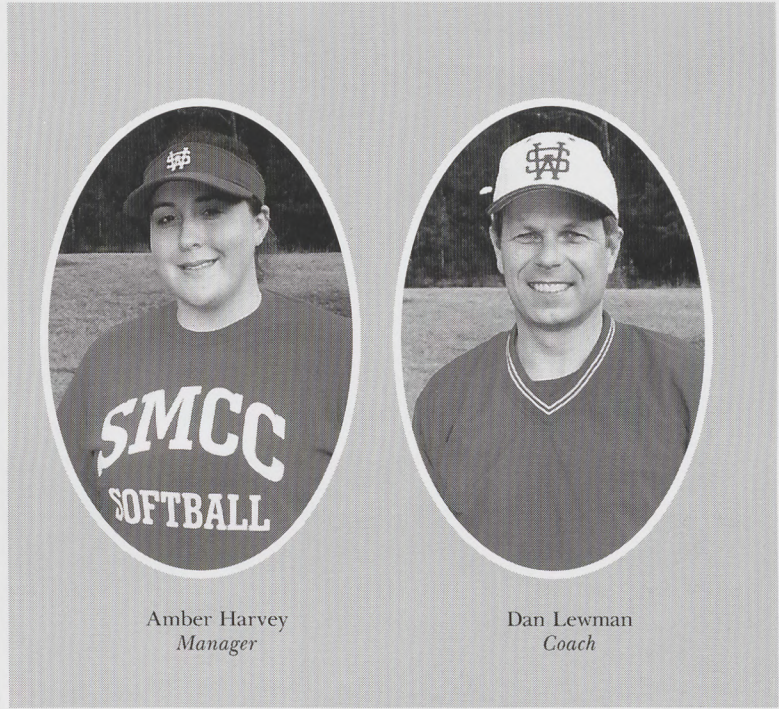


Jobina Khoo





**Infielders:** Sarah Hughes, Jessica Monistere, Cassie Hamilton; standing, Crystal Travis, Melissa Williams, Casee Rhodus, Laura Graves



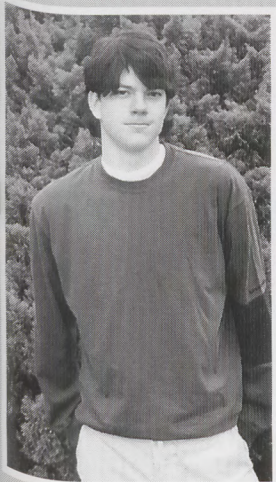
Amber Harvey  
Manager

Dan Lewman  
Coach



**Outfielders:** Kelly Cummings, Charlsa Turner, Alison Price, Dana Monistere

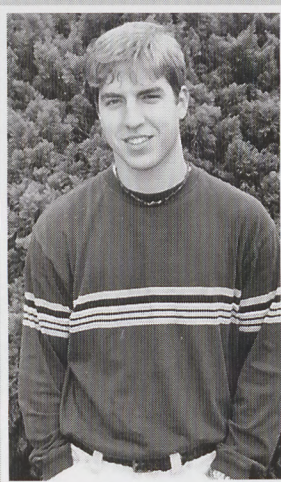
**Pitchers, Catchers:** Alison Price, Kelly Cummings, Charlsa Turner, Casee Rhodus



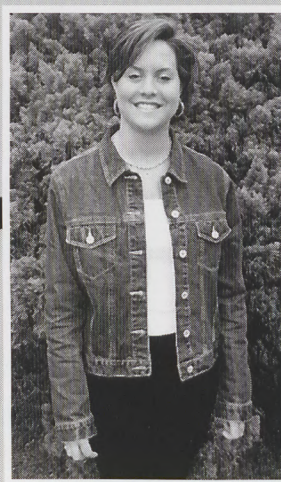
Patrick Leggett



Jaclyn Garza



Ben Tharp



Charlsie Whetstone



Dustin Whetstone





*It takes more  
than pretty faces  
to become...*

**E**ach year, a team of judges select Bear cheerleaders based on their individual performances and their ability to learn a new cheer and dance routine at tryouts. As spirit leaders, cheerleaders spend hours in practice and training to cheer and perform the jumps and stunts necessary to involve the crowd and encourage team spirit.

Cheerleading may not be a contact sport, but it requires intense training and preparation. Aerobic classes and stretching exercises limber muscles and enable cheerleaders to jump, bounce, dance, and build pyramids without causing injuries to themselves. Their sponsor, Brenda Anders, ensures that Bear cheerleaders receive the proper conditioning to meet the task before them each semester. Bringing the Bear mascot to life, Laura Graves encounters hot summer nights during August football games, hugs or screams from young Bear fans, and careful movement as she strolls around players, fans, and coaches.

And yet, physical strengths are only one characteristic needed for good cheerleaders. They must have the artistic ability to make run-throughs and banners, good study habits to maintain high averages when games take them out of school, and the ability to function after long nights of travel.

So, cheerleading is not for the weak or the weary. Instead, cheerleaders must possess artistic, athletic, and academic essentials.



**Cheerleader Captains**  
Heather Furr, Danielle Young

# CHEERLEADERS

## Bear Cheerleaders

Michelle Rawls, Lana Seals, Crystal Cornell, Amy Leahy  
Ashley Smith, Danielle Young, mascot Laura Graves, Heather Furr, Michelle Wilson, Jessica Reeves



Staying in unison, Jessica Reeves, Heather Furr, and Ashley Smith listen to the music and await their next move. In addition to cheers, cheerleaders learned a dance to perform at pep rallies on the field.



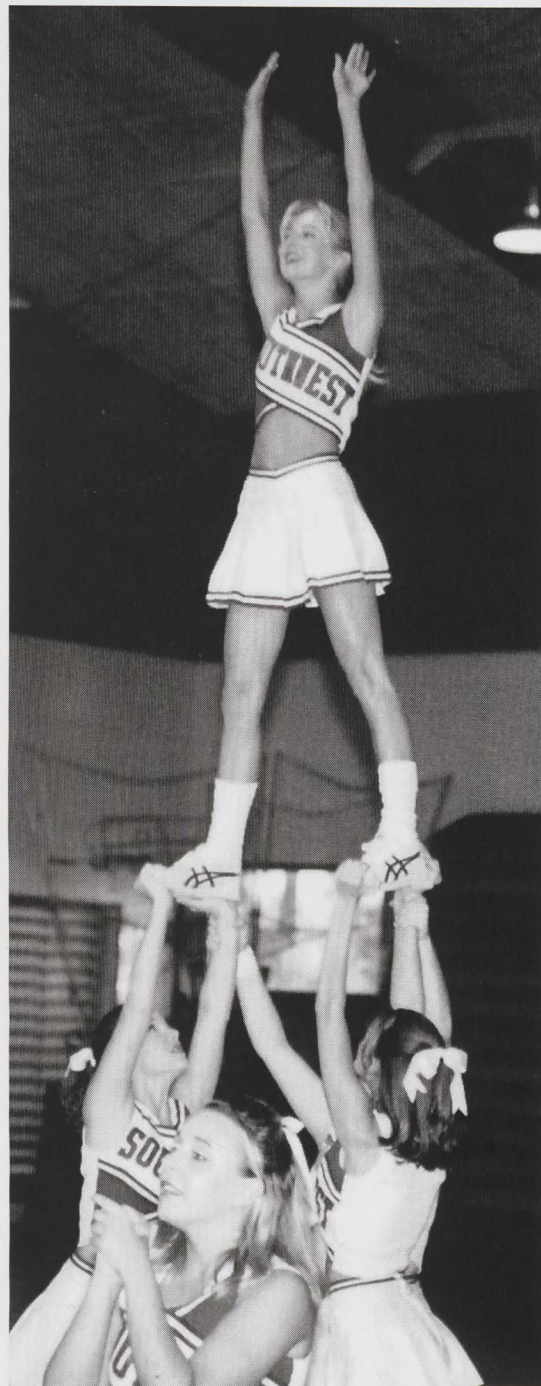




No amount of training or conditioning can prepare cheerleaders for unfavorable weather, yet regardless of the weather, cheerleaders continue to cheer. They simply grab a jacket or waterproof poncho and continue to give it their all.



With sophomores Crystal Cornell, Danielle Young, and Heather Furr in the background, freshman cheerleader Jessica Reeves steps up to the task as one of the newest Bear cheerleaders.



As Michelle Rawls demonstrates, trust in other "teammates" is another essential cheerleaders must possess.



# PEOPLE



Although this mannequin is a prize winner, people are not as artificial as a mannequin which can be molded and shaped to fit the occasion. And yet, people are by far the most essential "piece" to Southwest's mosaic. Together the students, Board members, administrators, staff, and faculty form a family, a Bear family, where each complements the other to achieve educational excellence.

The campus saw many new and returning students during academic year 2000-2001. Each brought different dreams, ideas, opinions, talents, and knowledge to share, discover, and develop inner strengths. In spite of these differences, students learned to respect others - an essential for harmonious living.



2001

*Bear Essentials*







Enjoying the outdoors, Derek Seal, Amy Kennedy, Amanda Steele, Kellie Drude, Bobbye Cox, Leigh Anne Tamor, and Danielle Seals rest and chat between classes.



Taran Bennett, Daniel McGaffery, Robert Hill, Godfrey Drake, Kevin Ricard, Cassidy Thompson, and Erika Rogers find a vantage point outside the boy's dormitory to "chill" and watch the traffic go by.

Candice Johnson, Sasha Taylor, and Nanyamka Foster show their support for the Bears by attending a fall pep rally in the gym.



## *Respecting Differences*



# President Horace C. Holmes





## Wins battle to keep necessary programs at Southwest

During 2000, Southwest's greatest advocate proved to be President Horace C. Holmes. As a graduate of a community college and as a leader in the community college system, having served Southwest as an instructor, basketball coach, and Academic Dean/Vice President, President Holmes, Southwest's leader for 29 years, understands the essentials needed for Southwest's continued success as a leader among Mississippi community colleges.

Therefore, when the Job Training Partnership Act ended, the funding to support two Southwest programs ended as well. Realizing the need for these essential programs, Certified Nursing Assistant and Truck Driving, President Holmes sought and received funding through vocational education to reinstate them.

In addition to maintaining programs to serve the district, President Holmes en-

sures physical growth to meet the demands of increasing enrollment. By June 2002, construction should be complete for the new Student Union-Cafeteria Building, which will afford students modern dining facilities and other amenities.

Some may wonder why President Holmes works as actively as he does to ensure continuing programs and physical expansion, but people who know President Holmes know the answer. President Holmes works diligently and tirelessly for those he loves best — the Southwest students.

And, with the student in mind, President Holmes will continue to safeguard programs and create facilities so that Southwest students will receive more than the bare essentials. As the staunchest Bear supporter, President Holmes ensures that students receive Bear Essentials.



Longtime board member Jerry Conerly, representing Walthall County, and President Holmes exchange greetings prior to their October meeting. Having served thirty-six years as a Board member, Jerry Conerly has seen many positive changes during President Holmes' twenty-nine-year tenure as President of Southwest.



In looking to the future, President Holmes never forgets the past or the contributions faithful alumni members like Mr. and Mrs. Olsen Stogner have made to ensure that Southwest prospers.



Because of his love for students, President Holmes seeks continued growth to meet the needs of students like these Bear Trackers.



# Board of Trustees

*Providing sound guidance and solid leadership for Southwest's district of Pike, Amite, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties*

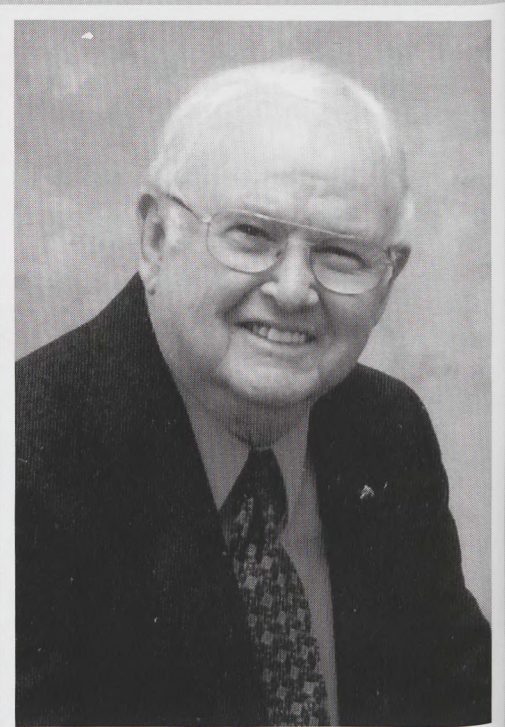
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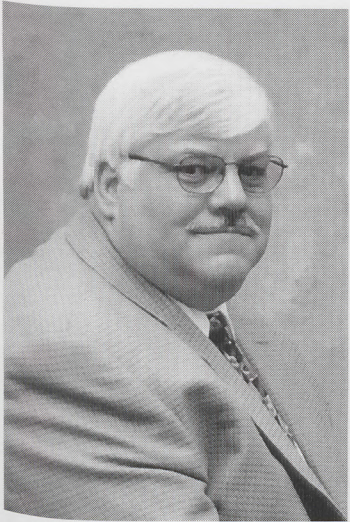


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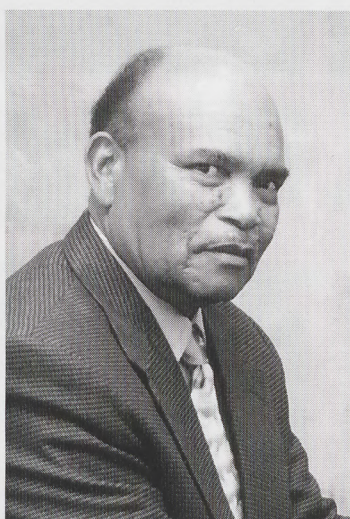
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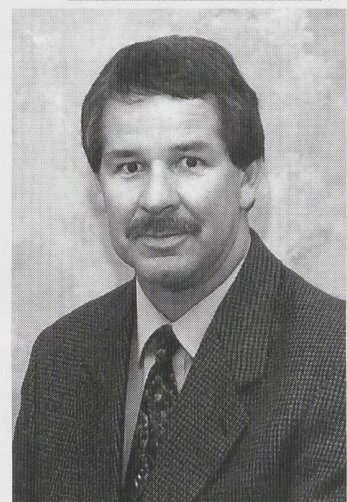
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*Business Manager*



**Judy Davis**  
*Assistant Business Manager*



## ■ Faculty ■

*Providing students with*

**Cathy Andrews**  
*Nursing*  
**Vicky Bales**  
*Cosmetology*  
**Maxine Bierbaum**  
*Assistant Librarian*  
**Dr. Steve Bishop**  
*Speech*

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**Charles Brister**  
*Old Testament*

**Dawn Brumfield**  
*Learning Lab Director, English*  
**Rebecca Brumfield**  
*Nursing*  
**Brenda Burch**  
*Nurse Aide*  
**Virginia Burrows**  
*Art*

**Laura Calhoun**  
*Mathematics, Computer Science*  
**Matthew Calhoun**  
*Mathematics*  
**Dixie Canton**  
*Nursing*  
**Leeanne Case**  
*Business Education*



**W**hen it comes to essentials, Southwest faculty are the experts. Having studied their discipline for years, faculty impart their knowledge and understanding of the material so that each student learns.

Yet, faculty members see their role as more than a giver of knowledge. They are givers to human beings.

They wipe the tear of a homesick student, encourage students to do their best, work one-on-one to ensure understanding, and support students as they adapt to college life.

The faculty is as diversified as the student body itself. Bringing different backgrounds and talents together, the faculty functions as one united team dedicated to educating Southwest stu-

dents and to advancing Southwest in the community.

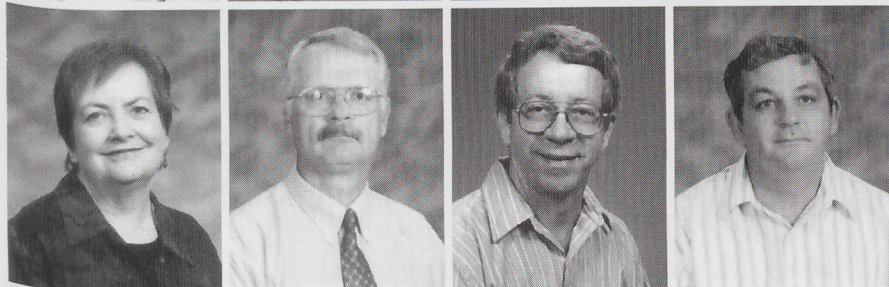
Whether an instructor, an administrator, or resource personnel, Southwest's faculty ensures that its students receive the *Bear Essentials* needed to meet the demands of the 21st century.







**Joy Clayton**  
*Nursing*  
**Dr. Elaine Coney**  
*English, Foreign Language*  
**Teresa Coon**  
*Nursing*  
**Joe Cornacchione**  
*Carpentry*



**Sally Coulter**  
*Computer Science*  
**Paul Dancsisin**  
*Political Science, History*  
**Brooks Dearing**  
*Automotive Mechanics*  
**William Dunn**  
*Dorm Host*



**Ken Edenfield**  
*Head Football Coach, Mathematics*  
**Cathy Ellett**  
*Personal Development Specialist*  
**Joe Elliott**  
*Voice, Music*  
**Danny Esch**  
*Diesel Mechanics*



**Kim Evans**  
*Computer Information Systems Technology*  
**Phil Evans**  
*Welding*  
**Betty Fulgham**  
*Nursing*  
**Patsy Giles**  
*Mathematics*



**Merrielyn Ginn**  
*History*  
**Carla Griffin**  
*Biological Science*  
**Mary Guy**  
*Math and Science Chair, Chemistry*  
**Jay Hays**  
*Physics, Physical Science*



**Butch Holmes**  
*Assistant Baseball Coach, Health*  
**Larry Holmes**  
*Baseball Coach, History*  
**Nancy Holmes**  
*Reading*  
**Sue Janes**  
*Biological Sciences*



## ■ Faculty ■

Providing students with

**Betty Johnson**  
*Academic Counselor, Psychology*  
**Joe Juneau**  
*Rotary Drilling*  
**Hank Krone**  
*Robotic Technology*  
**Connie Lambuth**  
*Music*

**Sharon Lawson**  
*Speech, Director of Public Relations*  
**Carey Lee**  
*Marketing and Merchandising Technology*  
**Dan Lewman**  
*Softball Coach, Geography*  
**Darlene Lindsey**  
*Nursing*

**Bob Little**  
*Machine Shop*  
**Regina Lowe**  
*Nursing*  
**Gwen May**  
*English, Reading*  
**Delinda McGhee**  
*Nursing*

**Jane McGrew**  
*Director of Associate Degree Nursing*  
**Sam McKinney**  
*Social Science and Business Chair*  
*Sociology, Political Science*  
**Carol Ann McMorris**  
*Child Development*  
**Kenneth Miller**  
*Assistant Football Coach, Law Enforcement*

**Sandy Morrish**  
*Special Populations Personnel*  
**James O'Rourke**  
*English*  
**Ron Pennington**  
*Electrical Technology*  
**Emily Phillips**  
*Nursing*

**Katherine Prentiss**  
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*Mathematics*  
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*Industrial Services Coordinator*



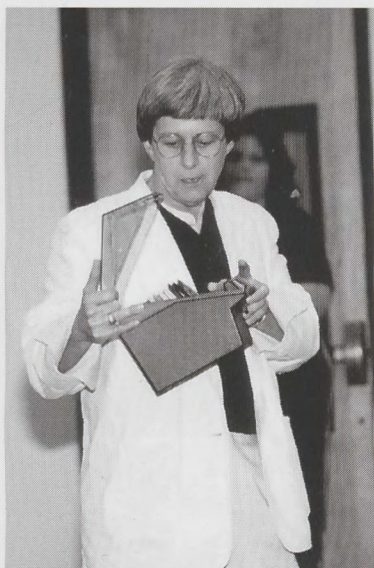




**James Rushing**  
*Vocational Counselor*  
**Jack Seale**  
*Tech Prep Coordinator*  
**Patricia Seale**  
*Mathematics*  
**Bob Simmons**  
*Computer Network Support Technology*

**Sandra Stinson**  
*Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic*  
**Dixie Stokes**  
*Child Development*  
**Lea Touchstone**  
*Academic Counselor*  
**Diane Turnage**  
*Biological Sciences*

**Michael Walker**  
*Technology/Telecommunications Specialist*  
**Sherri Walker**  
*Nursing*  
**Bill Wallace**  
*Boy's Basketball Coach, Physical Education*  
**Jeff Waller**  
*Director of Small Business Development Center*



### Multimedia reality...

While Alicia Shows handles the controls, Merrielyn Ginn and Cecelia Brister brief faculty on their multimedia classrooms. Merrielyn encouraged faculty to request CDs that accompany texts, and Cecelia showed PowerPoint presentations developed by her economics and accounting classes.



## ■ Faculty ■

*Providing students with essentials for success*

**Barbara Walter**  
*Nursing*  
**Helen Whittington**  
*Nursing*  
**Carolyn Williams**  
*Work Force / Basic Skills Specialist*  
**Dr. Jeanne Williams**  
*Humanities Chair, English*

**Becky Wilson**  
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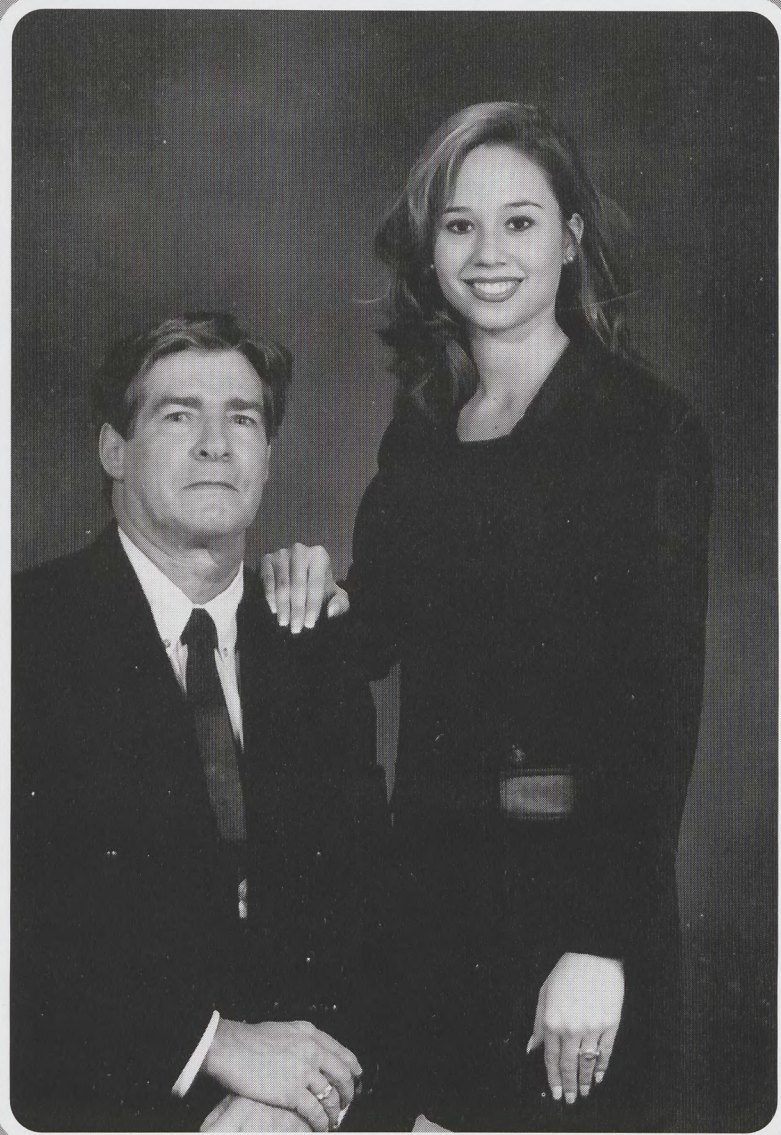
Diane Turnage and James O'Rourke team up to man the gate at the Bears season opener against Itawamba.



As incoming mail piles up, Dr. Mike Walker and Ronnie Welch manually send unwanted mail to the "recycle bin."



## Outstanding Instructor and Student



**C**hosen by faculty, Carey E. Lee and Catherine E. Wall were the recipients of this year's HEADWAE honors. The 13th annual Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE), held on February 20, 2000, is a program that honors an outstanding faculty member and an outstanding student from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Carey E. Lee, a graduate of Mississippi State University and the University of

Southern Mississippi, has been an instructor at Southwest for 26 years. As an instructor in the Marketing and Management Program, Carey has received numerous honors from his peers, including Outstanding Marketing Instructor among the community college marketing programs. He is a member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America, a member of the McComb Chapter Sales and Marketing Executives Club, and past president of the Mississippi Association of Marketing Instructors.

Catherine Elizabeth Wall, daughter of Gerald and Amy Wall of Liberty, is a sophomore public relations and communication major. At Southwest, Catherine was President of the Student Government Association, Drum Major, and a Bear Tracker. In addition, Catherine was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Southwest Choir, and Reflection. Her involvement in every aspect of campus life kept her busy, but Catherine still found time to study and achieve a grade point average of 3.6.





## ■ Staff ■

## Providing essential services

**Breeze Alford**  
Career Center Receptionist/Secretary  
**Leigh Anne Anderson**  
Secretary to Dean of Instruction  
**Joan Baker**  
Hostess, Recreational Building  
**Jo Ann Boyd**  
Accounts Payable Clerk

**Carol Breland**  
Business Office Clerk  
**Diane Cooper**  
Secretary to Tech Prep Coordinator  
**Carl Davis**  
Chief of Security  
**Carol Anne Graves**  
Learning Lab Assistant

**Debbie Hodges**  
Work Based Learning Secretary  
**Helda Huffman**  
Vocational-Technical Secretary  
**Milissa Johnson**  
Secretary to President  
**Louella Kornegay**  
Student Union Cashier  
**Charlotte McGregor**  
One-Stop Career Center Secretary

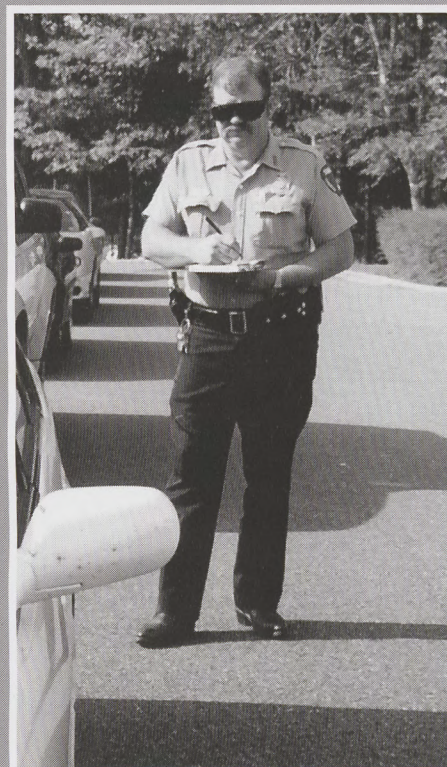


## The Meal Team...

Whether it's a full course meal from the cafeteria or fast food from the grill, friendly staff are willing and ready to serve.



## Staff in action...



Chief of Security Carl Davis and the security staff stay busy writing tickets, investigating accidents, helping stranded students, and maintaining a secure campus environment.



## Providing essential services

## ■ Staff ■



**Rhonda Nevels**  
Bookstore Assistant, Learning Lab Assistant  
**Becky Newman**  
Human Resource Clerk  
**Dionne Newman**  
Secretary to Athletic Department  
**Penny Saldana**  
Health Occupations Secretary



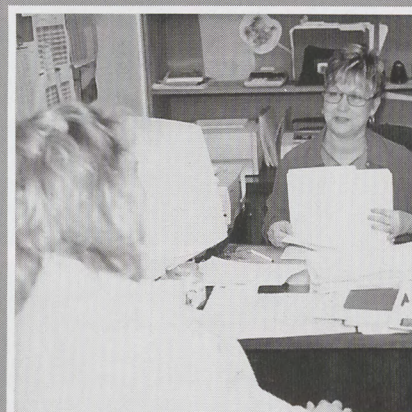
**Lisa Stewart**  
Bookstore Manager  
**Butch Stringer, Jr.**  
Maintenance  
**Gloria Van Norman**  
Computer Laboratory/Library Assistant  
**Ronnie Welch**  
PC Technician  
**Teresa Wilson**  
Receptionist

Staff members are the ones who work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to ensure the successful day-to-day operation of the institution. Whether it is maintenance, housekeeping, secretaries, or security, each does his/her part to provide essential services.

After weeks of waiting, Butch Stringer and Jerry King finally receive the part needed to repair one of the Vo-Tech's units.



Proving that secretaries must juggle several tasks at one time, Diane Cooper continues to file as she talks to Lianne Case.



Debbie Hodges finds her new job as Work Based Learning secretary as challenging as her previous role as JTPA secretary.



During her years of service, Ms. Louella Kornegay has seen many students enjoy the food and the fun found in the grill.



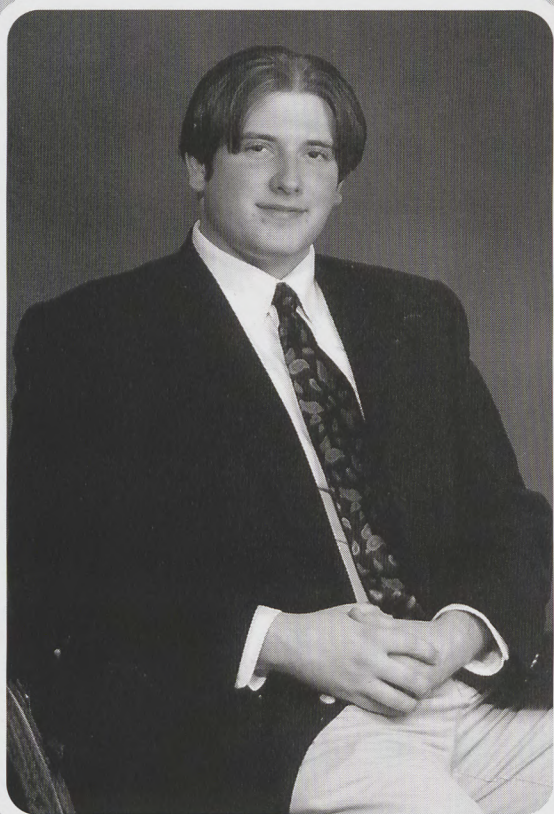
Dottie Andrews' day begins long before students arrive for class.



Sharon Pickett finds a quiet spot to read and enjoy her lunch.



# Hall of Fame



■ **Ryan Johnson** ■

Ryan Johnson, a graduate of McComb High School, is the son of Bill and Betty Johnson of Summit. During high school, Ryan was active in musicals, Mu Alpha Theta, Future Business Leaders of America, and the National Honor Society. After years of dedication and service, Ryan achieved Eagle Scout status during his senior year.

At Southwest, Ryan contributed his musical talents as a member of both the Marching and Stage Bands. He served as SGA secretary, freshman class treasurer, and a Bear Tracker. His peers voted him Class Favorite during both his freshman and sophomore years. Additionally, Ryan was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

As a computer science and engineering major, Ryan plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University.



■ **Alana J. Burnette** ■

Daughter of Robie Joe, Jr., and Sherlyn Burnette of Jayess, Alana J. Burnette is a graduate of New Bethel Christian School, where she was named Miss New Bethel and Most Intellectual, and was a member of the Mississippi All-State Youth Choir. At New Bethel, Alana earned a perfect 4.0 GPA, an accomplishment she continued at Southwest. Thus, she was named valedictorian of her senior class at New Bethel.

At Southwest, Alana was a Bear Tracker, secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, and a member of the Scholar's Bowl Team. In addition, Alana was named to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students and the National Dean's List.

After graduation, Alana plans to continue her education at the University of Mississippi where she will pursue a career in pharmacy.





# Hall of Fame



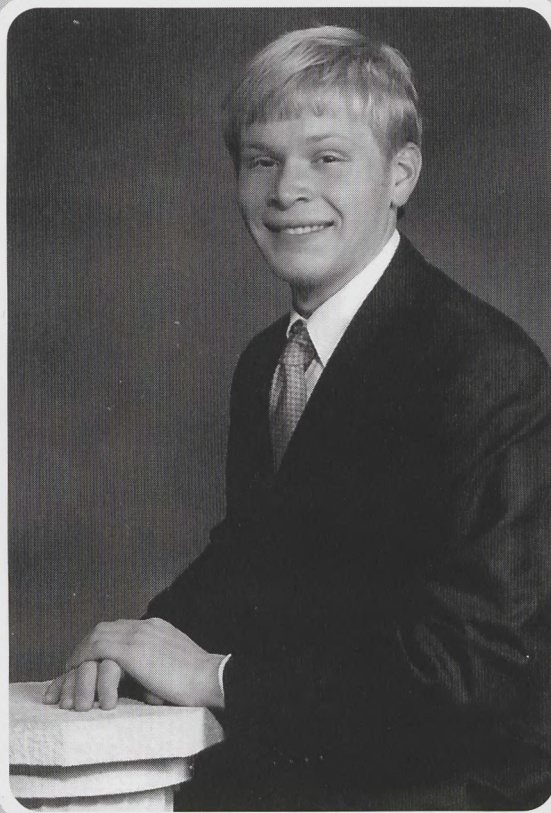
■ **Catherine Elizabeth Wall** ■

Catherine Elizabeth Wall, graduate of Parklane Academy, is the daughter of Gerald and Amy Wall of Gillsburg. Catherine, a Phi Theta Kappa member and Bear Tracker, is a public relations major.

While at Southwest, Catherine served as freshman vice-president of the SGA and became president of the Student Body during her sophomore year. Selected Outstanding Student by the faculty, Catherine was also named to Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, and the student body elected her Campus Favorite.

In addition to her position as Drum Major for the Marching Band during her freshman and sophomore years, Catherine contributed her vocal talents both years to Reflection and the SMCC Choir.

After graduating from Southwest, Catherine plans to continue her education at the University of Southern Mississippi.



■ **Jeff Barber** ■

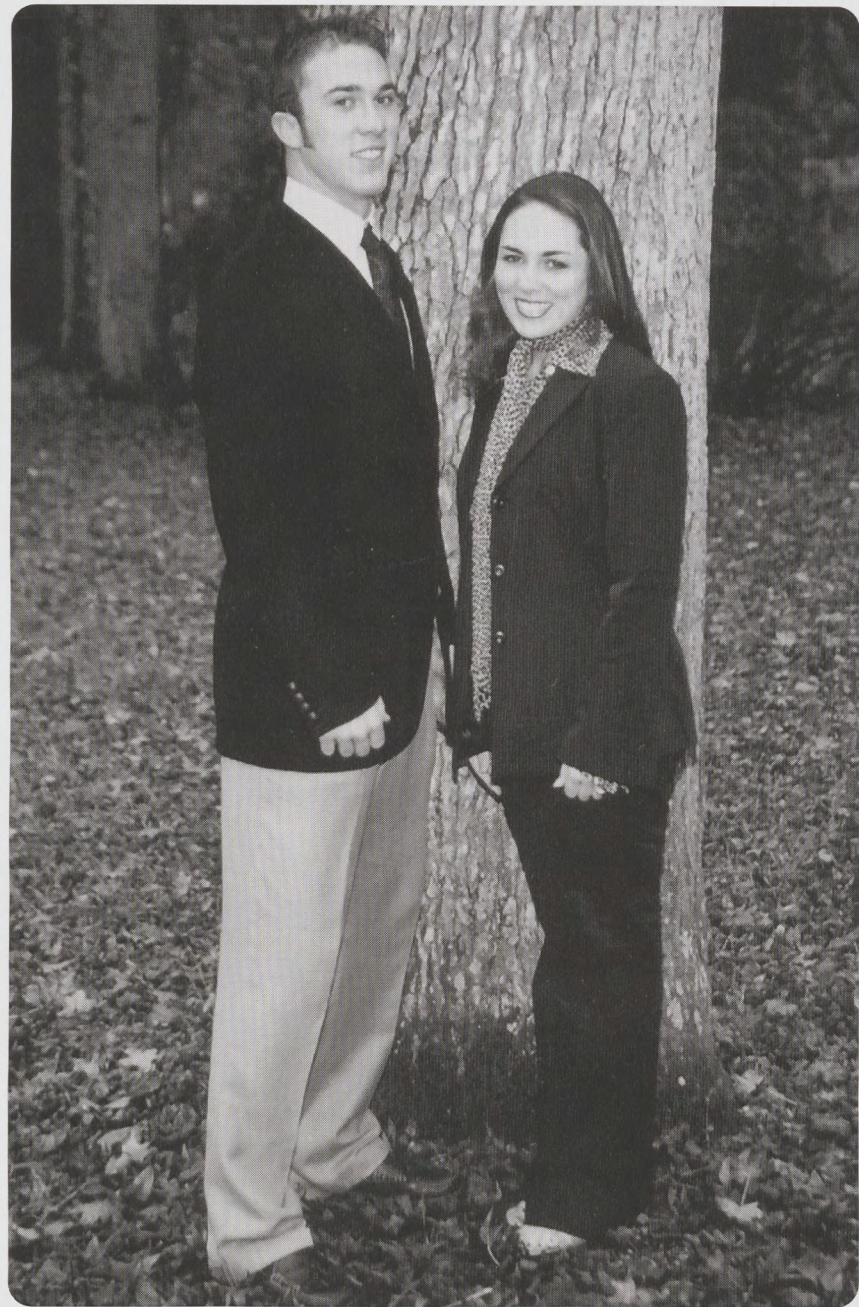
Son of Bud and Kim Doherty and Tommy Barber, Jeff Barber is a McComb High School graduate who lives in McComb. At McComb, Jeff participated in athletics, musicals, and homecoming courts and was active in various organizations, including Y-Club, Interact, Students Against Drunk Driving, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition to his membership in these organization, he served as an officer in various ones.

At Southwest, Jeff remained equally busy. He served as Scholars Bowl captain and sophomore class president. In addition to being a Bear Tracker, Jeff was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Honors Forum.

After graduation, Jeff, an English major, plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.



**Mr. and**

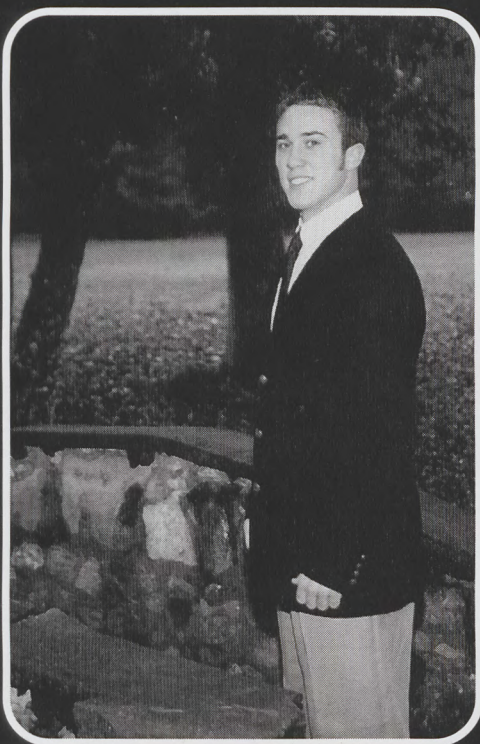


***Bradley Behrnes and Megan McGinnis***





# Miss SMCC



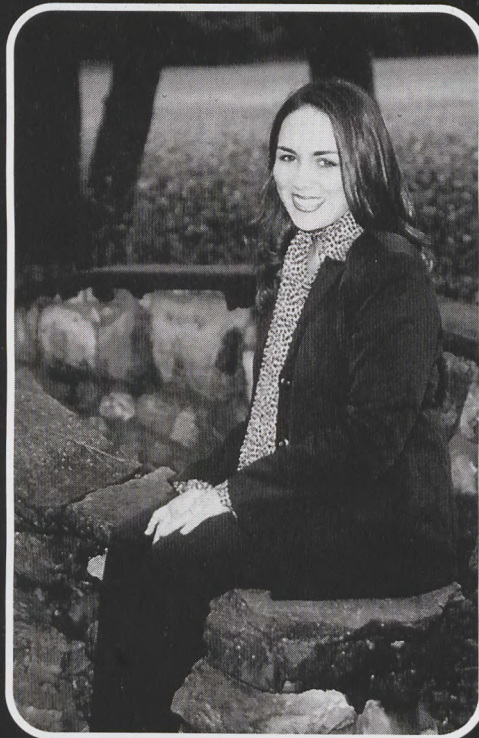
"I felt overwhelmingly honored to be chosen by my peers for this prestigious honor."

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*Bradley Behrnes*

Bradley Behrnes, son of Paul and Leslie Perkins, is a native of Clinton, Louisiana. While at Southwest, Bradley played both football and baseball. He hopes to continue playing both sports at a senior college while he pursues a career in business.

Megan McGinnis, daughter of Bruce and Cheryl McGinnis, is a Tylertown native. At Southwest, Megan played softball and was a member of the Danceline. In addition, she was Freshman Class Favorite, Freshman Homecoming Maid, SGA Treasurer, and Homecoming Queen. After graduation, Megan, a pharmacy major, plans to continue her education at Ole Miss.



"I am truly honored to be chosen as Miss SMCC by my peers and fellow classmates. I have thoroughly enjoyed making new friends and wonderful memories while furthering my education here at Southwest."

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*Megan McGinnis*





# Who's

**Catherine Wall**  
*Campus Favorite*

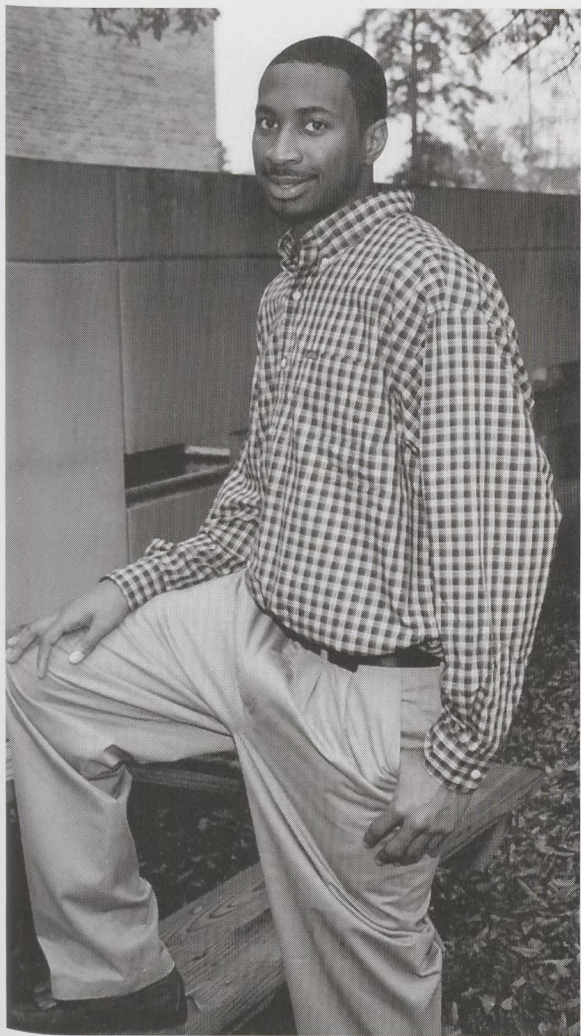


**Davian Bayham**  
*Most Handsome*



**Heather Furr**  
*Campus Beauty*



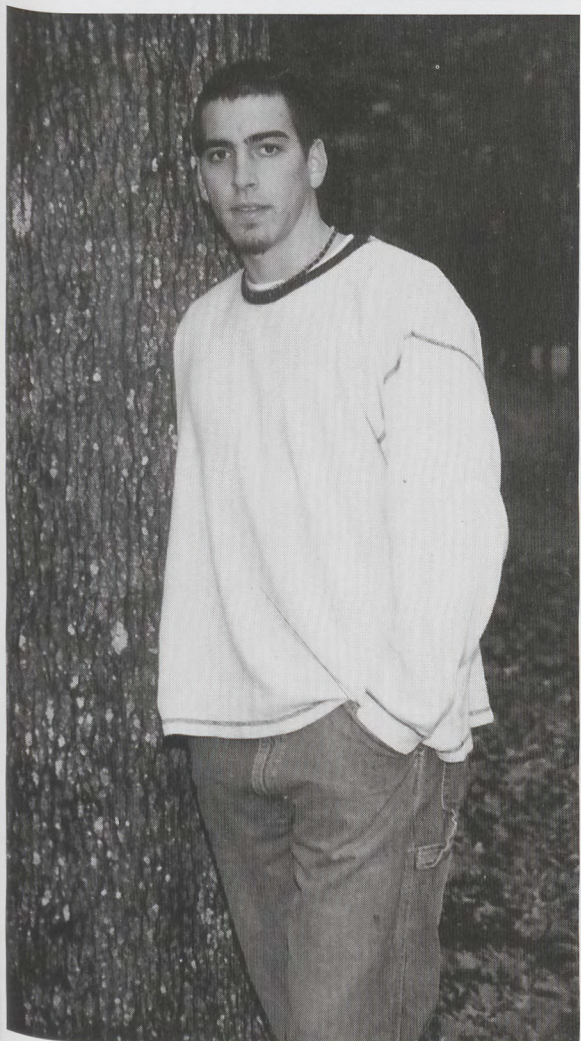


# Who

**Robert Green**  
*Campus Favorite*



**Lana Seals**  
*Most Beautiful*



**Ryan Mead**  
*Campus Beau*





# Freshman Favorites

Roderick Hayes  
Constance Gordon



Amanda Busby  
Jason Duck  
Katie Perry

Rich Newman  
Amanda Aldridge

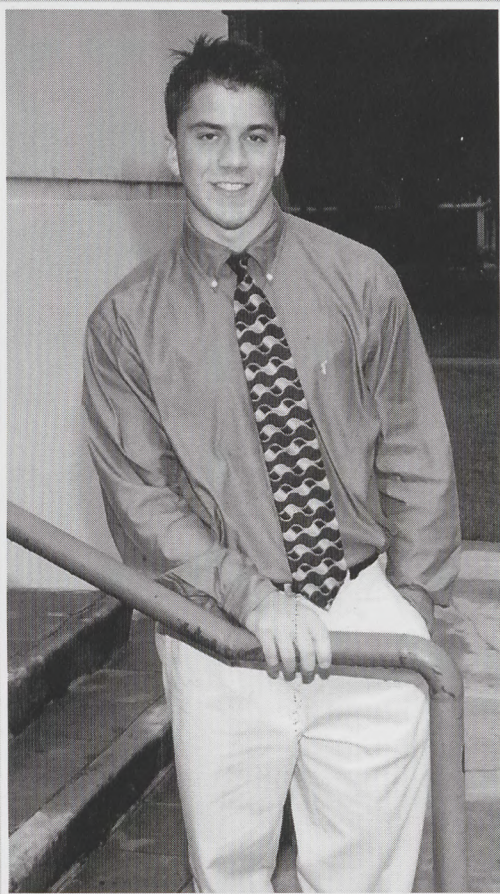




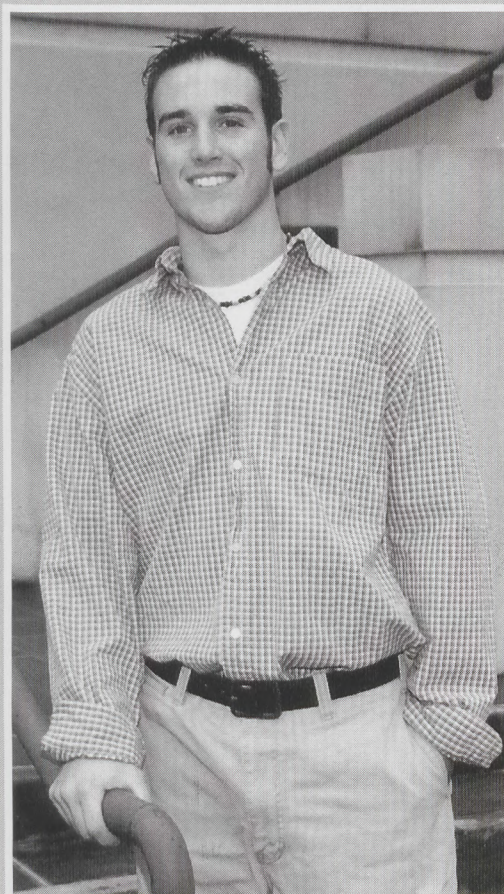
# Freshman Beauties and Beaus



**Kristina Ashley**



**Brad Boyd**



**Justin Simpson**



**Jessica Reeves**

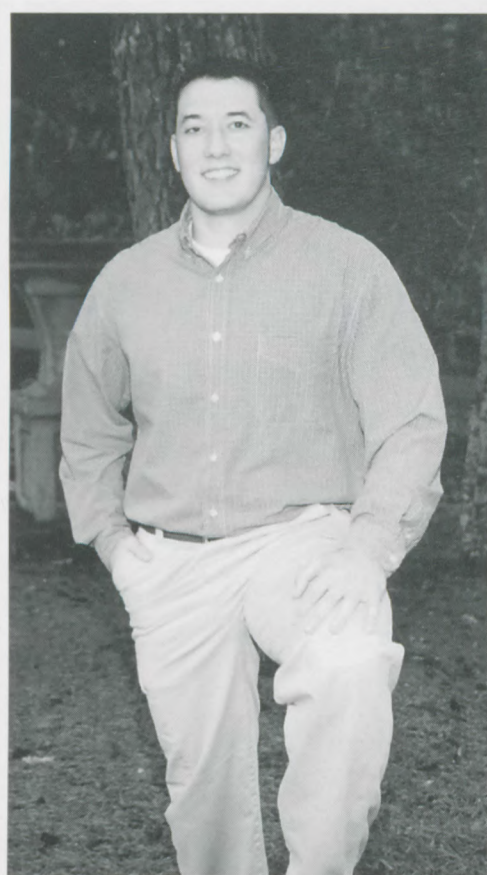




## Sophomore Beauties and Beaus



**Brittany Birdsong**



**Brant Kogel**



**Josh Watts**



**Courtney Slaughter**





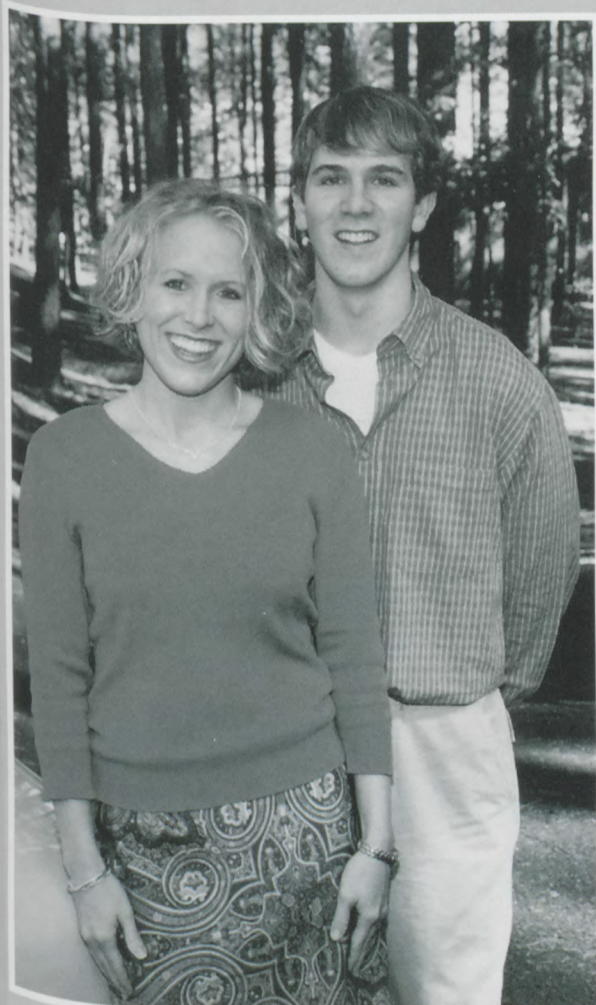
# Sophomore Favorites



Valyncia Taylor  
Samuel Griffin



Ryan Johnson  
Buffy Bryant



Kimberly Hurst  
Casey Carter





## ■ Adams ■

Jason Adams  
Tylertown  
Shane Adams  
McComb  
Justin Addison  
Summit  
Latoria Addison  
Tylertown  
Amanda Aldridge  
Gloster

William Aldridge, Jr.  
Centreville  
Jennifer Alexander  
McComb  
Nicole Alexander  
McComb  
Jeremy Alford  
Kentwood, LA  
Lou Alford  
Kentwood, LA



### Campus Couples...

With smiles and frowns, Jason Chabreck and Sarah Hughes exemplify one of the many couples on campus. Through dating, each learned the essentials for building and maintaining a relationship, and Southwest provided the perfect atmosphere for true love to blossom.





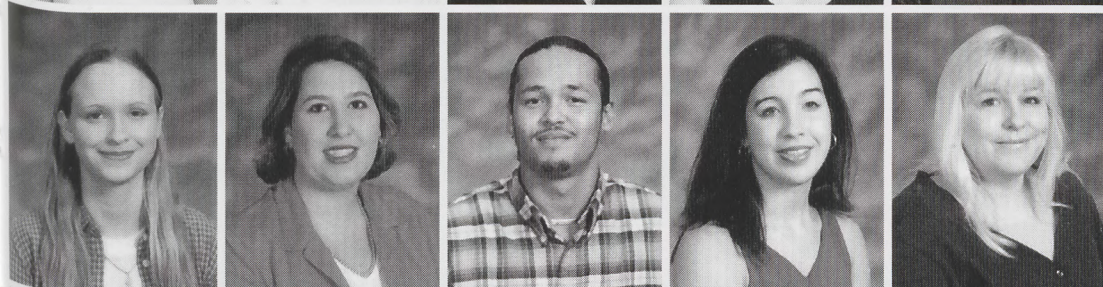
## ■ Barnett ■



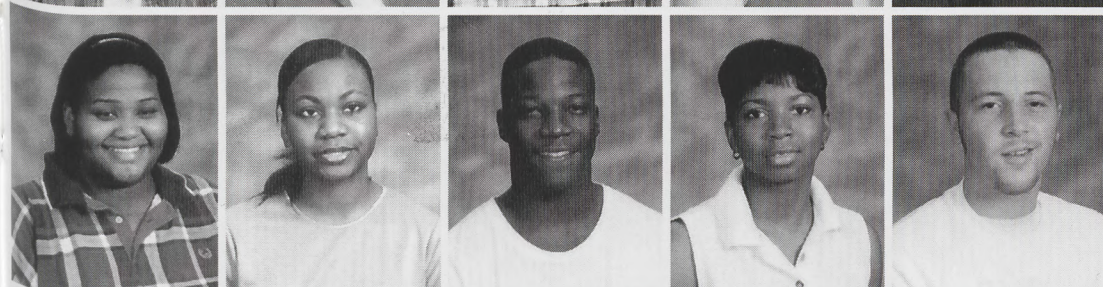
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*McComb*  
**Isabel Allen**  
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**Mareeta Allen**  
*McComb*  
**Derrick Anderson**  
*McComb*  
**Reggi Anderson**  
*Liberty*



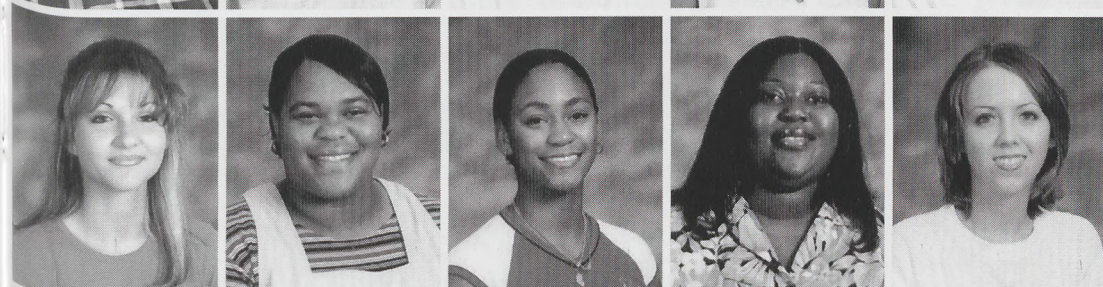
**Courtney Applewhite**  
*Summit*  
**Shavone Arbuthnot**  
*Centreville*  
**Brandy Ard**  
*Tylertown*  
**Christ Arent**  
*Summit*  
**Justin Armstrong**  
*McComb*



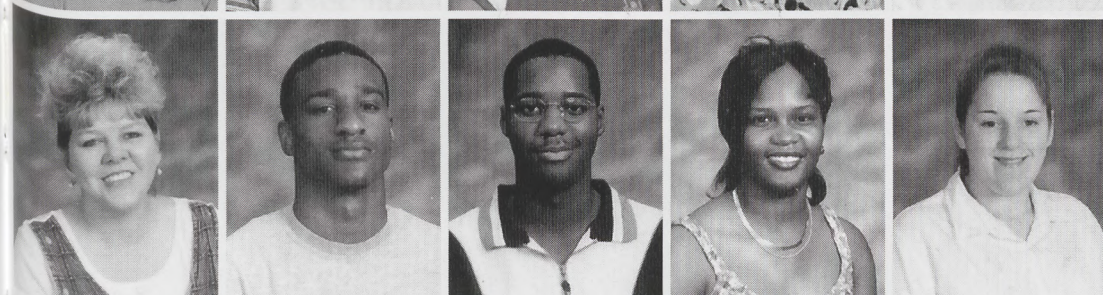
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*Liberty*  
**Carrie Ashley**  
*Woodville*  
**Decley Ashley**  
*Crosby*  
**Kristina Ashley**  
*Gloster*  
**Cheryl Aucoin**  
*Tylertown*



**Kirona Bacot**  
*McComb*  
**Angela Badon**  
*McComb*  
**Brandon Badon**  
*Jayess*  
**Mary Badon**  
*Summit*  
**Jessie Baham**  
*Independence, LA*



**Kalli Baham**  
*Smithdale*  
**Britanya Banks**  
*McComb*  
**Shakela Banks**  
*Tylertown*  
**Tiffani Banks**  
*Amite, LA*  
**Allison Barber**  
*Tylertown*



**Rosalie Barber**  
*McComb*  
**Matthew Barnes**  
*Jackson*  
**Sedrick Barnes**  
*McComb*  
**Shantay Barnes**  
*Summit*  
**Melisa Barnett**  
*Brookhaven*



# ■ Barrett ■

Raini Barrett  
Gloster  
Mark Barrilleaux  
Thibodaux, LA  
Joan Barron  
McComb  
Jennifer Bass  
Summit  
Molly Bass  
Summit

Natasha Bates  
Liberty  
Tasagne Bates  
Magnolia  
Yolonda Bates  
Liberty  
Krystal Baughman  
Kokomo  
Davian Bayham  
Grosse Tete, LA

Chasity Beal  
Jayess  
J. C. Beard  
Magnolia  
Lewis Beesley  
McComb  
Taran Bennett  
McComb  
Monique Berkley  
Summit

Regina Berkley  
Summit  
Lila Bionghi  
Summit  
William Bird  
Summit  
Tamecula Black  
Brookhaven  
Chris Blackwell  
Tylertown

David Blackwell  
Tylertown  
Lora Blackwell  
Tylertown  
Stephanie Blades  
Kentwood, LA  
Katherine Blount  
Osyka  
Rebecca Bourn  
McComb

Lakesha Boddie  
Summit  
Valerie Bonds  
Smithdale  
Natasha Booth  
Tylertown  
Abby Boyd  
Tylertown  
Jeffrey Blake Boyd  
Tylertown





## ■ **Burdette** ■



**Yates Boyd**  
Tylertown  
**Allen Bracey**  
Tylertown  
**Felicia Branch**  
Summit  
**Larry Branch**  
McComb  
**Chasity Braswell**  
Magnolia

**Danielle Breaux**  
McComb  
**Idalia Brecheen**  
Liberty  
**Ashley Bridges**  
Kentwood, LA  
**Priscilla Bridges**  
Tylertown  
**Norma Brister**  
Jayess

**Carrie Brooks**  
McComb  
**Carlus Brown**  
McComb  
**Erica Brown**  
McComb  
**Julie Brown**  
Bogue Chitto  
**LaSonya Brown**  
Brookhaven

**Madelon Brown**  
Ruth  
**Matthew Brown**  
Gloster  
**Rebecca Browning**  
Summit  
**Ardis Brumfield**  
Osyka  
**Lacey Brumfield**  
Bogue Chitto

**Derrick Brumfield**  
Summit  
**LaTarsha Brumfield**  
McComb  
**Olean Brumfield**  
Tylertown  
**Samuel Brumfield**  
Tylertown  
**Shaquilla Brumfield**  
McComb

**Felicia Bryant**  
Brookhaven  
**Myron Bullock**  
Tylertown  
**Sharetha Bullock**  
Magnolia  
**Kelly Burch**  
Summit  
**Kevin Burdette**  
Zachary, LA





## ■ Burnette ■

Alana Burnette  
*Jayess*  
Bert Burris  
*Summit*  
Amanda Busby  
*Ruth*  
Jill Busby  
*Summit*  
Brent Butler  
*Amite, LA*

Juanita Butler  
*McComb*  
Kelvin Butler  
*Magnolia*  
Jessica Cain  
*McComb*  
James Caire  
*Tylertown*  
Kellie Caldwell  
*McComb*

Terrance Callahan  
*Ponchatoula, LA*  
Chris Callen  
*Kenner, LA*  
Rachel Camp  
*McComb*  
Lance Cameron  
*McComb*  
Sara Campbell  
*Tylertown*

Nilah Cardwell  
*McComb*  
Joyce Cargill  
*McComb*  
Karla Carpenter  
*Osyka*  
Jane Carr  
*Tylertown*  
Thomas Carr  
*McComb*

Deidra Carruth  
*Wilson, LA*  
Tashunda Carson  
*Tylertown*  
Casey Carter  
*McComb*  
Marsha Cartwright  
*Bogue Chitto*  
Anna Casciola  
*McComb*

Lauren Casciola  
*McComb*  
Natalie Case  
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Don Cassidy  
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Jason Chabreck  
*Gloster*  
Ned Chapman  
*McComb*





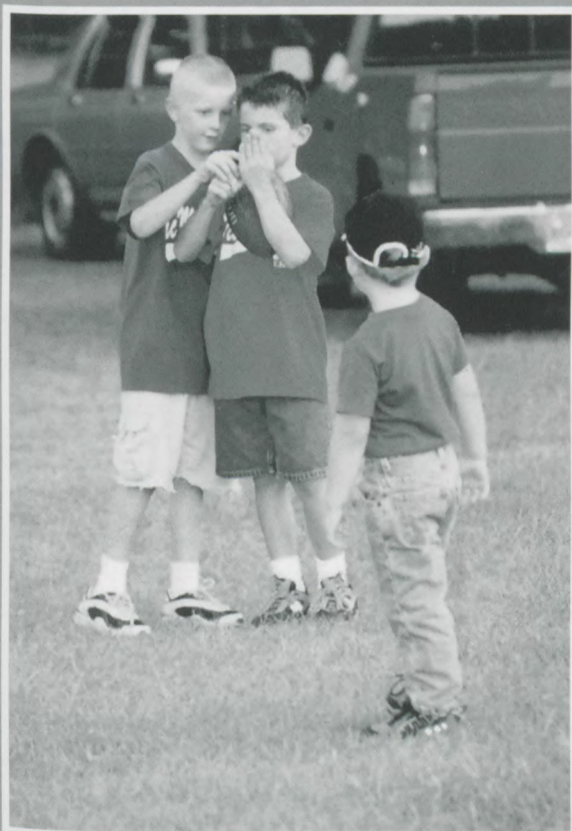
## ■ Collins ■



Casey Clark  
Sandy Hook  
Christy Clark  
Jayess  
Jennifer Leigh Clark  
Sandy Hook  
Jeremy Clements  
Tylertown  
Rebekah Clements  
McComb

Hayes Coddou  
Labadieville, LA  
Nicholas Coker  
McComb  
Schenika Nacole Coleman  
McComb  
Clifton Collins  
Gloster  
Desmond Collins  
Amite, LA

### Young Bears...



During Bear Jamboree, K. D. Edenfield and Justin Badon discuss their next play while Carr Young waits for the call. A visit from the McComb Fire Department to the childcare center prompted Carr Young and Tom Bass to ask fireman Warren Agnor many questions. Whether positions as football coach or fireman await these young Bears, for now, they enjoy their days of teamwork and their quest for answers — two essentials for tomorrow.



## ■ Collor ■

Danyell Collor  
McComb  
Karena Conerly  
Tylertown  
LaMarcus Conerly  
McComb  
Tushundra Conerly  
Brookhaven  
Nathaniel Coney  
McComb

Stephanie Connelly  
Osyka  
Derrick Cook  
Magnolia  
Tennie Cook  
Magnolia  
Shenae Cooley  
Sandy Hook  
Kenneth Cooper  
McComb

Noah Cooper  
Kentwood, LA  
Sheritha Copeland  
Brookhaven  
James Corbin  
Ponchatoula, LA  
Mike Corman  
Tylertown  
Crystal Cornell  
Osyka

Dustin Cothorn  
Summit  
Joy Cothorn  
Meadville  
Camala Cotton  
Foxworth  
Johnny Couch  
Tickfaw, LA  
Louie Coumbe  
Summit

Tamara Craft  
Tylertown  
Jason Creel  
Franklinton, LA  
Hope Creshon  
McComb  
Nyshika Crockett  
Liberty  
Shenita Crockett  
Liberty

Tabitha Crossley  
Summit  
Holly Croteau  
McComb  
Tiffinee Crumedy  
Sandy Hook  
Kelly Cummings  
Liberty  
Ashickie Dawson  
Magnolia





# ■ Ervin ■



**Rashmus Dawson**

*Liberty*

**Gail Day**

*Summit*

**Josh Deere**

*McComb*

**Charles Demars**

*Walker, LA*

**Eulana Dent**

*Tylertown*

**Dawn Devine**

*McComb*

**Amanda Dickens**

*Crosby*

**LaSonja Dickey**

*Magnolia*

**David Dickinson**

*Gloster*

**Stacy Dickinson**

*Jackson, LA*

**Clinton Dillon**

*Tylertown*

**Curtis Dillon**

*Liberty*

**Kyle Dillon**

*Hammond, LA*

**John Dixon**

*McComb*

**Safronia Dixon**

*McComb*

**Michelle Domine**

*Summit*

**Joseph Dooley**

*Woodville*

**Kathleen Downs**

*Tylertown*

**Godfrey Drake**

*Jackson*

**Jason Duck**

*Norwood, LA*

**Shandrea Dunaway**

*Kokomo*

**Quenta Duson**

*Natchez*

**Shannon Dye**

*Summit*

**Dustin Easley**

*Independence, LA*

**Robyn Easley**

*Magnolia*

**Paul Elliott**

*Magnolia*

**K. C. Ellzey**

*Magnolia*

**Josh Emfinger**

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**Steven Erdey**

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**Lakeitha Ervin**

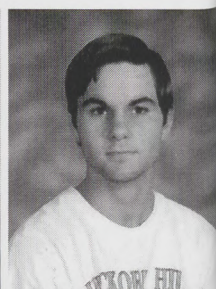
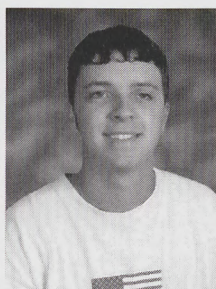
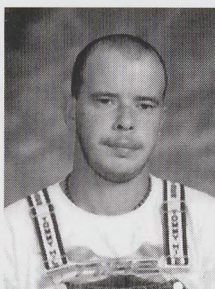
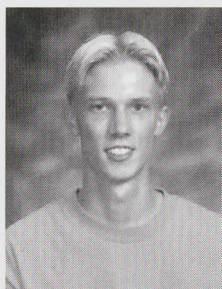
*Jackson*



## ■ Etheridge ■

**Russell Etheridge**  
*Gloster*  
**Scott Etheridge**  
*McComb*  
**Lance Ezell**  
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**Mac Farmer**  
*Magnolia*  
**Trey Faust**  
*Monticello*

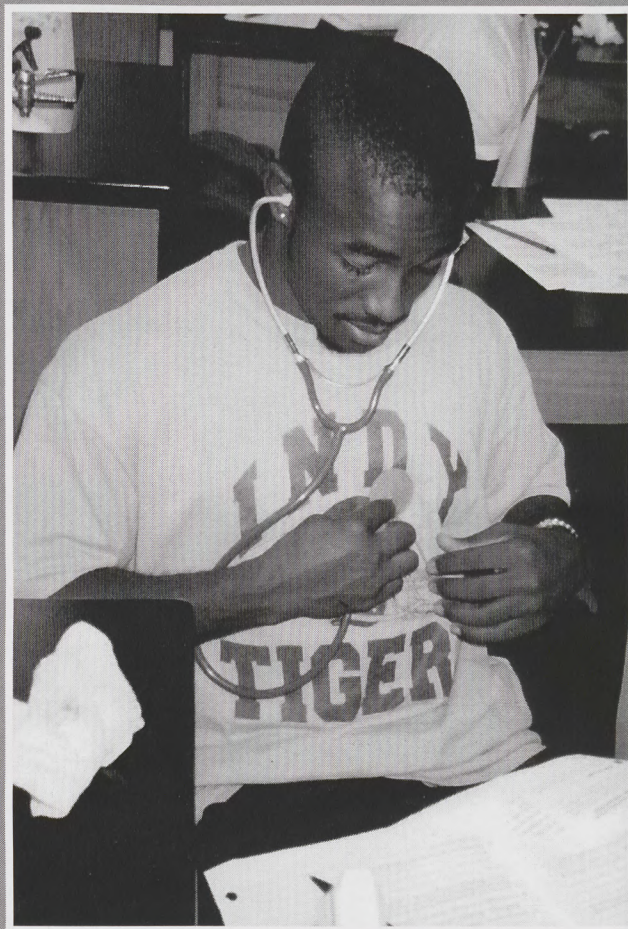
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**Shannon Ferrebee**  
*Roxie*  
**Anna Fesmire**  
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**Jo Ann Fleming**  
*Liberty*



### *And the beat goes on...*

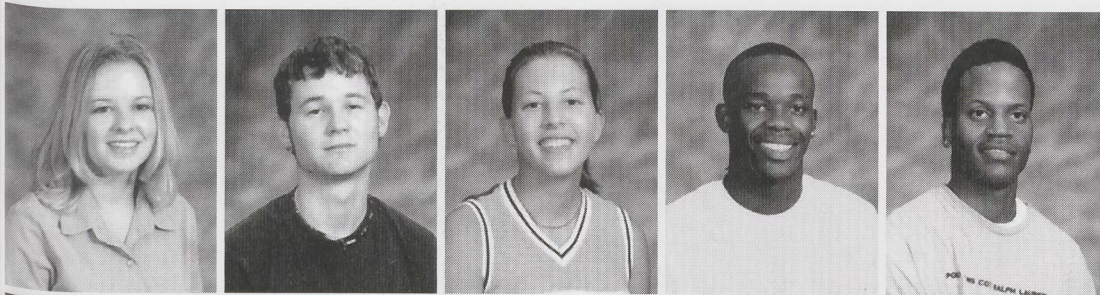
With the stress of classes, homework, and social activities, students often feel as if they, like Otto Bonds, have to check to see as they are still alive.

With the sun setting in the west and their reflections bouncing off Bear Lake, the percussion section "beats" their way to Bear Jamboree.





## ■ Gibson ■



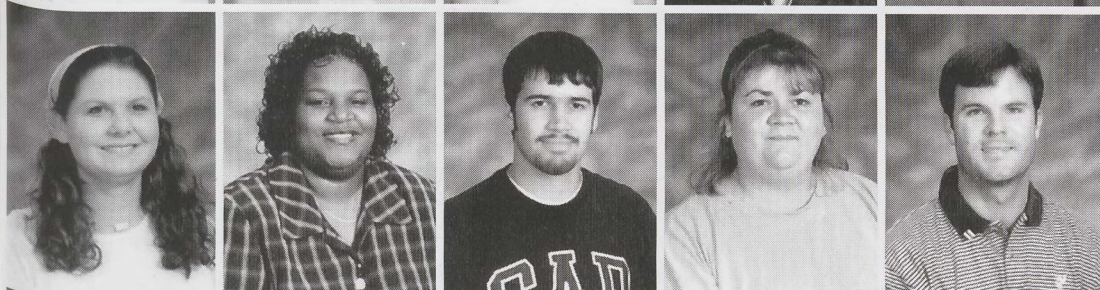
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*McComb*



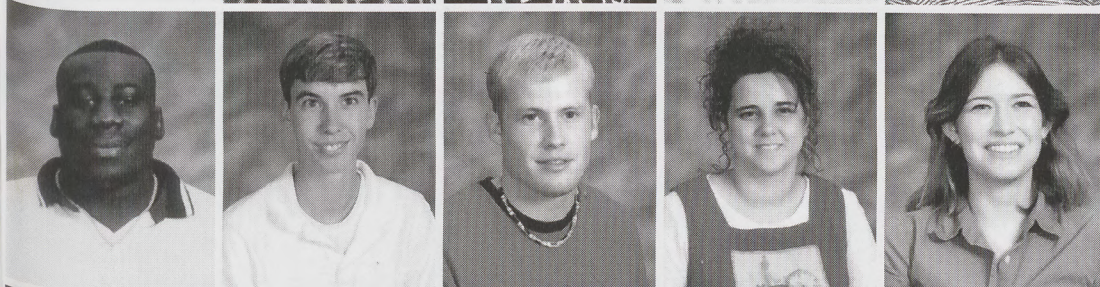
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**Shenita Frith**  
*Tylertown*



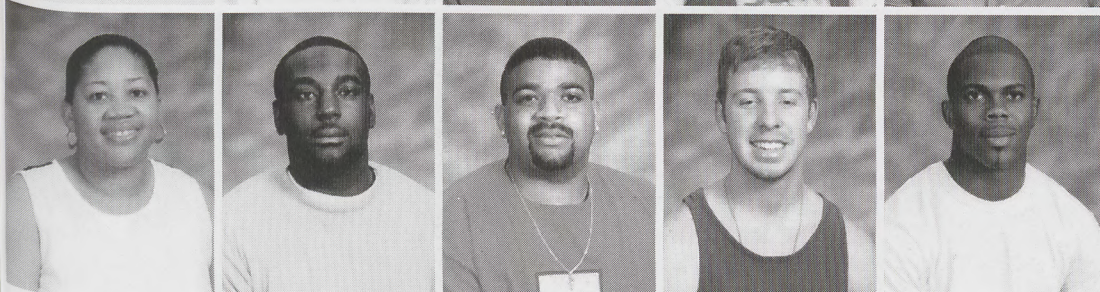
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**Michele Fuller**  
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**Heather Furr**  
*McComb*  
**Nicole Furseth**  
*Elkart, IN*  
**Khyri Galmore**  
*Houma, LA*



**Kathryn Garig**  
*Norwood, LA*  
**Patsy Garner**  
*Jayess*  
**Wes Gaskin**  
*McComb*  
**Adaire Gatlin**  
*Osyka*  
**Greg Gatlin**  
*McComb*



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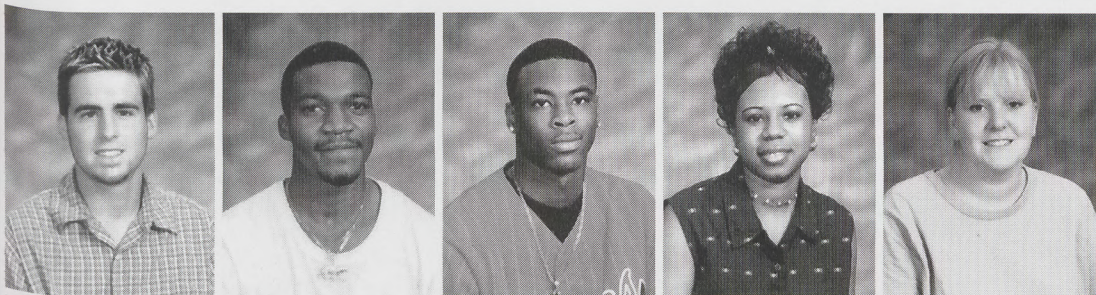
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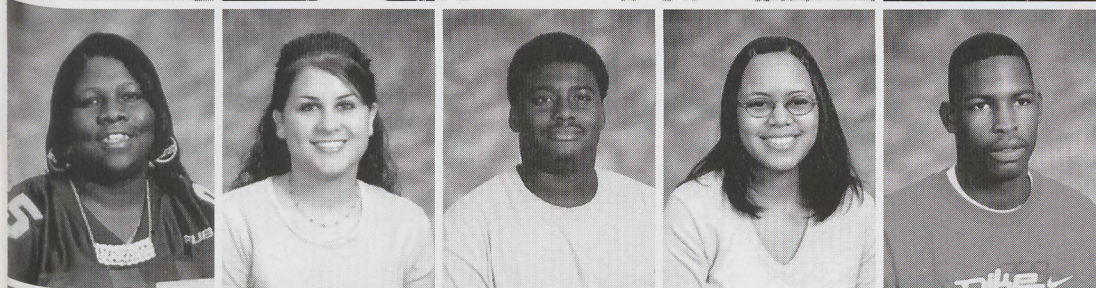
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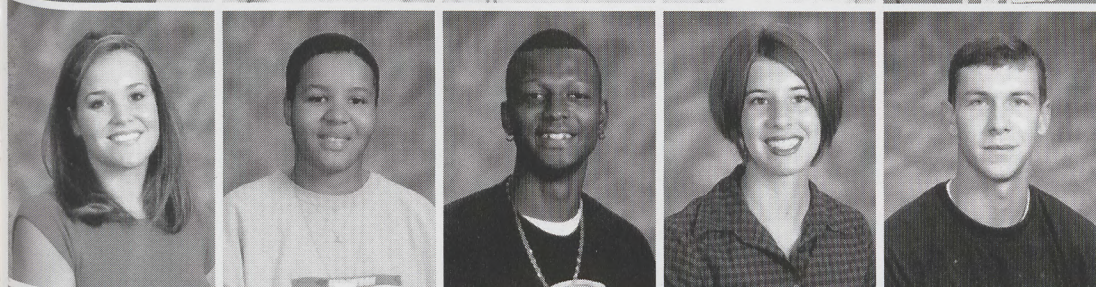
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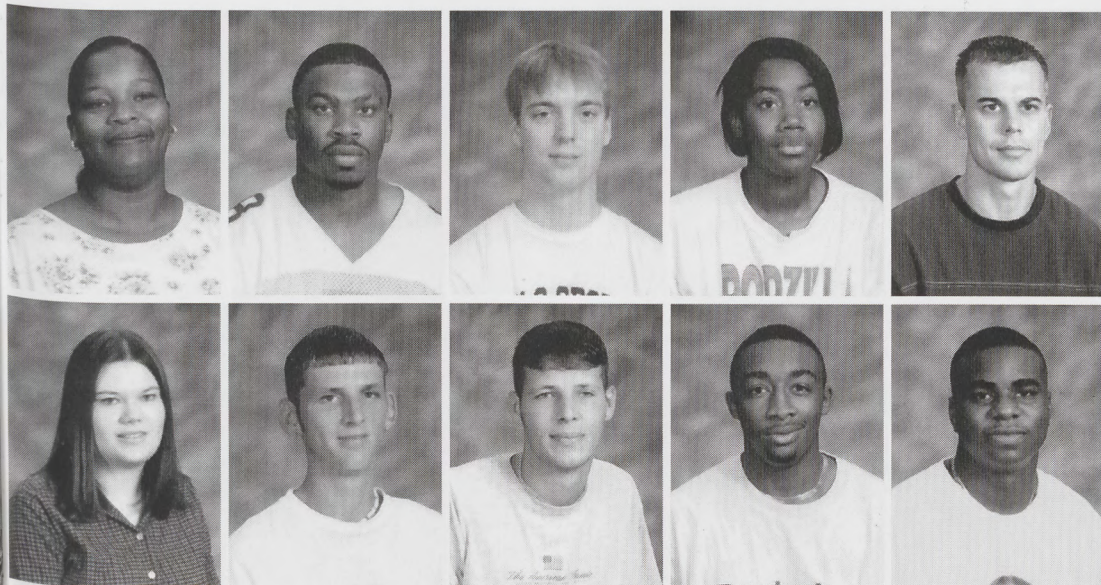
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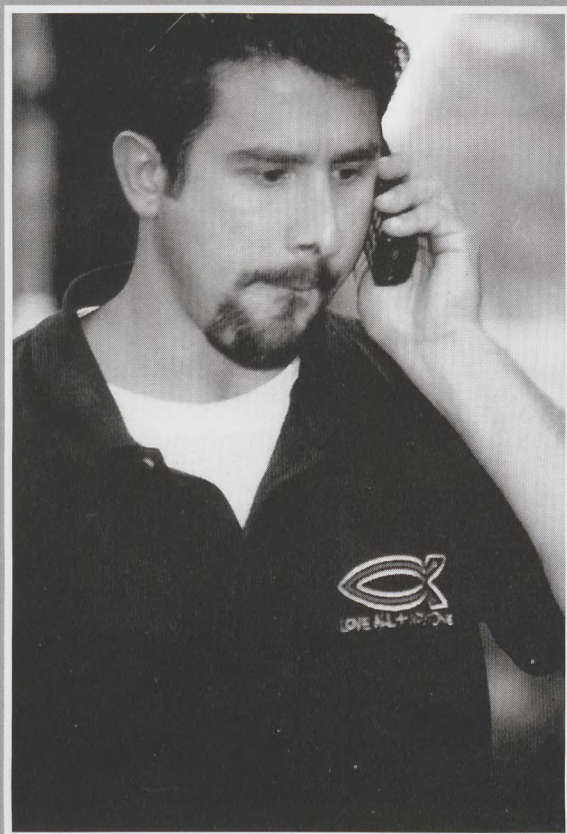
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### *Hands make handy communication tools...*



Handheld cell phones used by students like Philip Chuter help students make necessary contacts between classes, but no mechanical device can replace the one-on-one communicative techniques used by Angel Gayden and Colleen White, who helps Angel handle the stress of registration.



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Leslie Johnson  
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Angie, LA

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Gloster  
Kisha Knight  
Columbia  
Daphne Knox  
Summit  
Brant Kogel  
Independence, LA  
Jenni Kraft  
McComb





# ■ Manning ■



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Kristy Lawson  
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John Mathis  
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McComb  
Kalynthia Matthews  
Tylertown  
Fay McCormick  
Tylertown  
Tony McCray  
McComb



### *Students display their creativity...*



Whether in art, like Gerda Smith, or in cosmetology, students have opportunities to create, develop, and display their artistic creations. Recent winners in the freshman class hair styling competition were Sonia Reid, Virgie Lenoir, Regina Berkley, Latasha Johnson, Janice McNabb, Holly Croteau, and April Welch. Catherine Brookings, CEO of Selective Salon Service of McComb, and Dub Brock, SMCC's art instructor, were judges for the event.



## ■ Miles ■



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Tenita McDowell  
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Daniel McGaffeny  
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Darius Miles  
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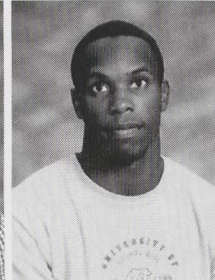
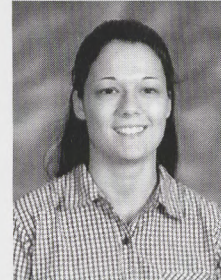
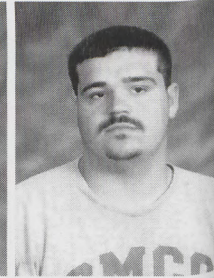
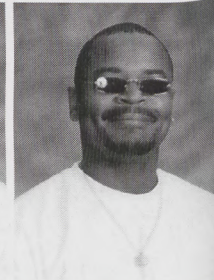
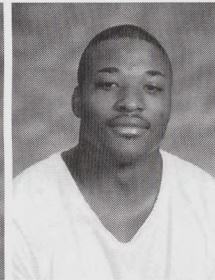
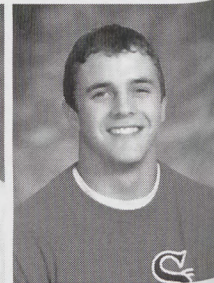
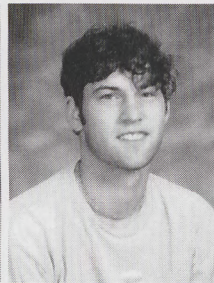
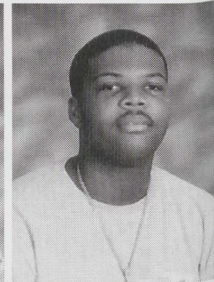
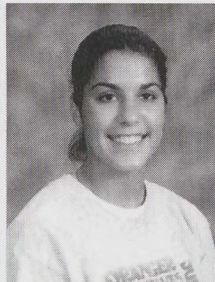
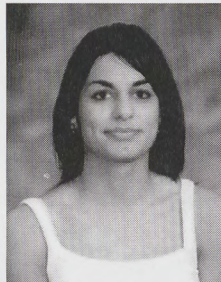
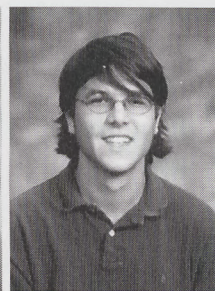
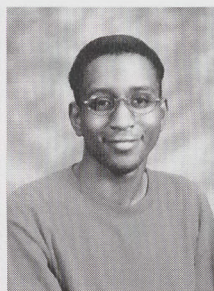
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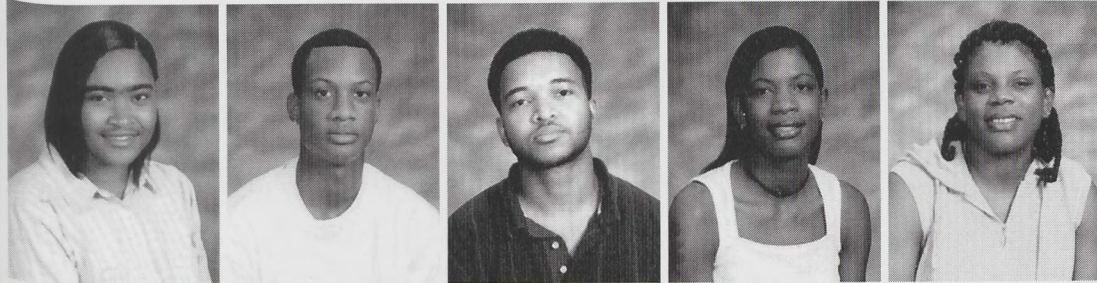




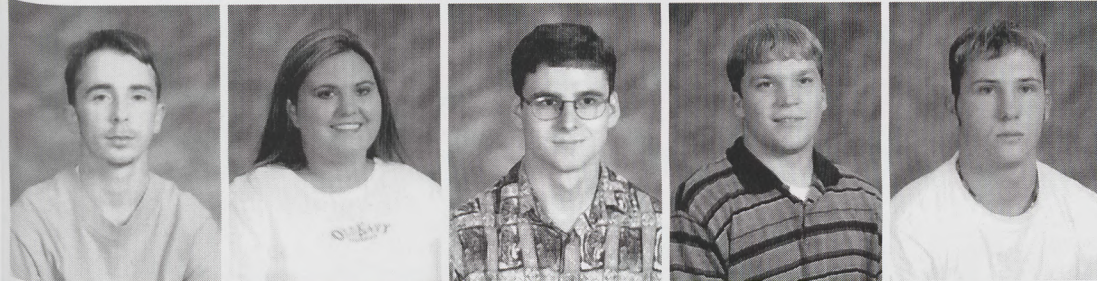
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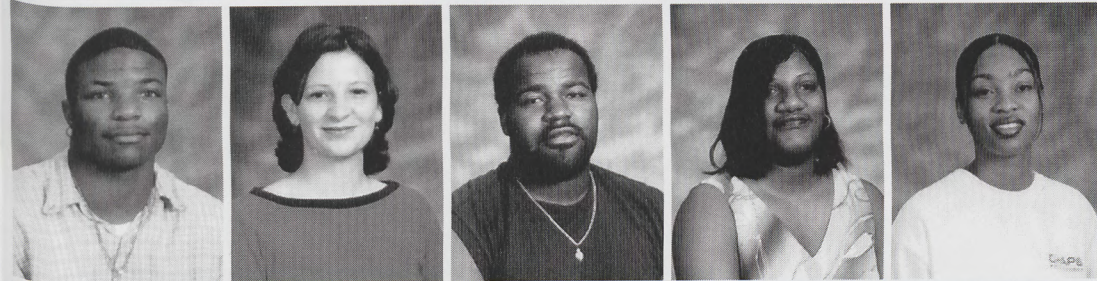
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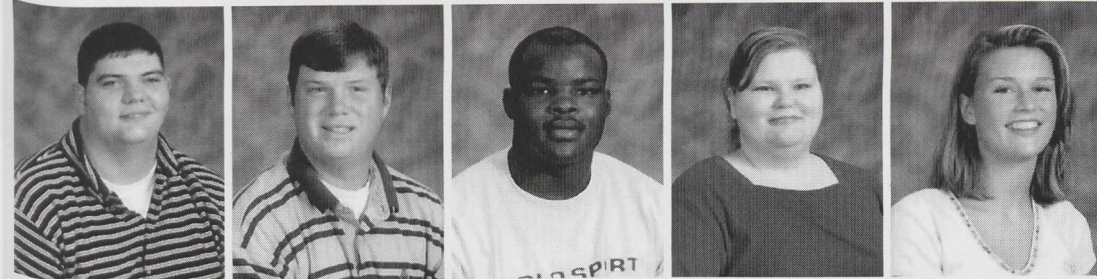
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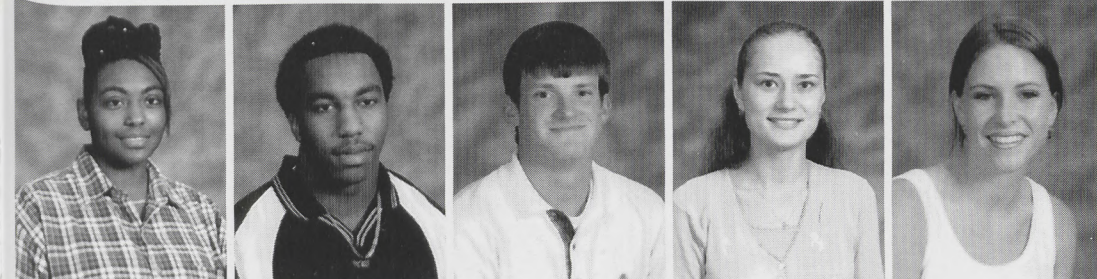
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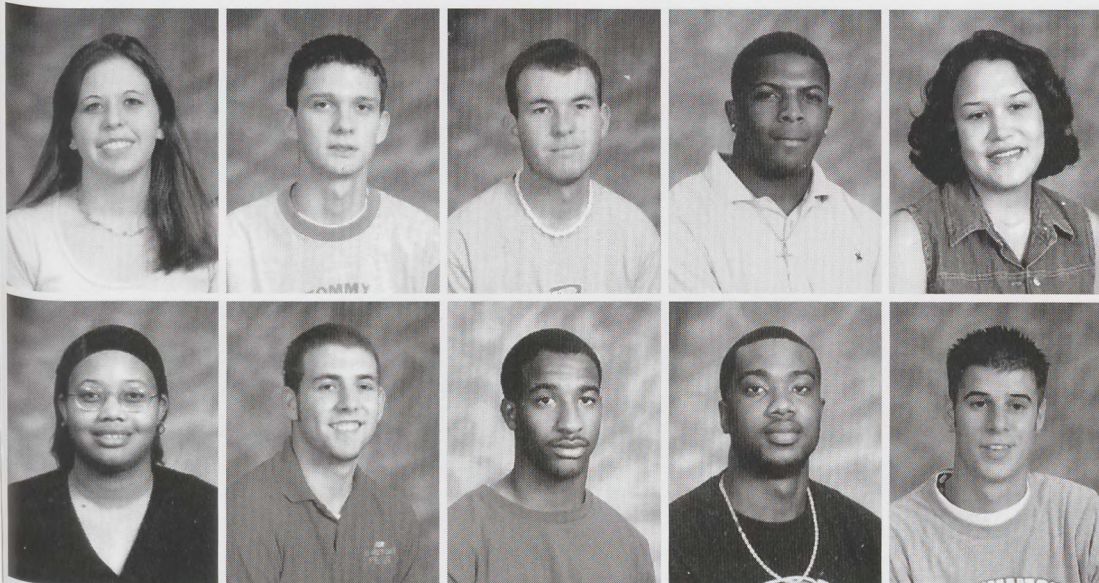
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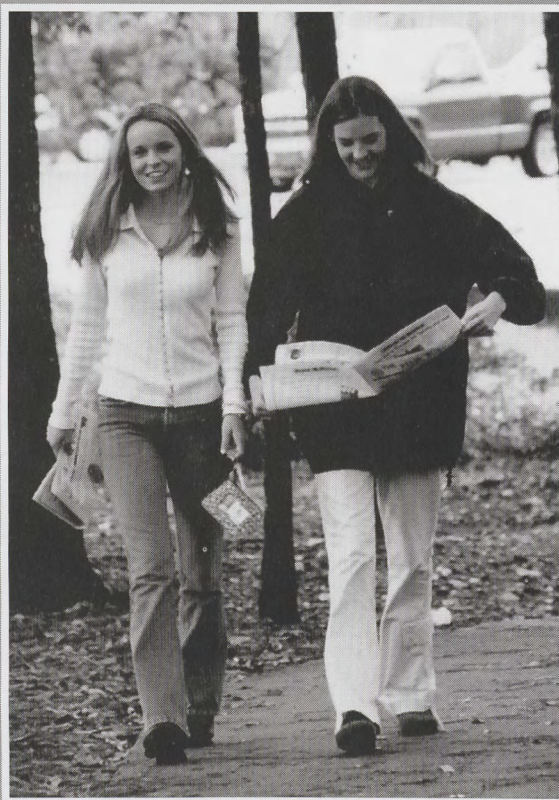
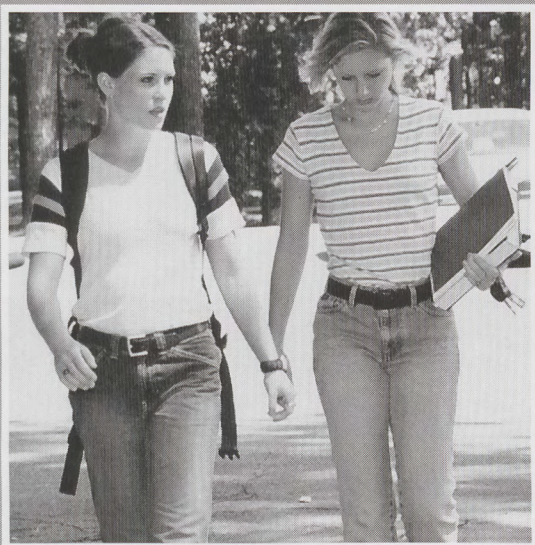
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### ***News gatherers...***

By stopping for a quick chat like Heather Satterfield and Sabrina Brown, by walking together across campus to class like Alison Price and Lacey Phillips, or by reading the latest issue of the *Pine Burr* like Jessica Reeves and Heather Furr, Southwest students gather campus news.





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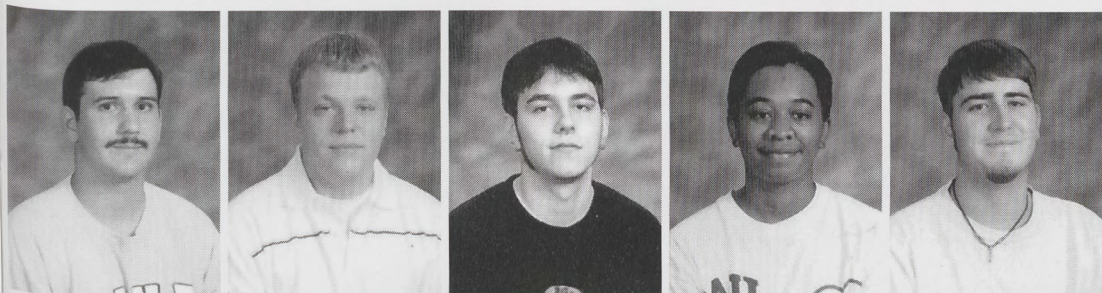
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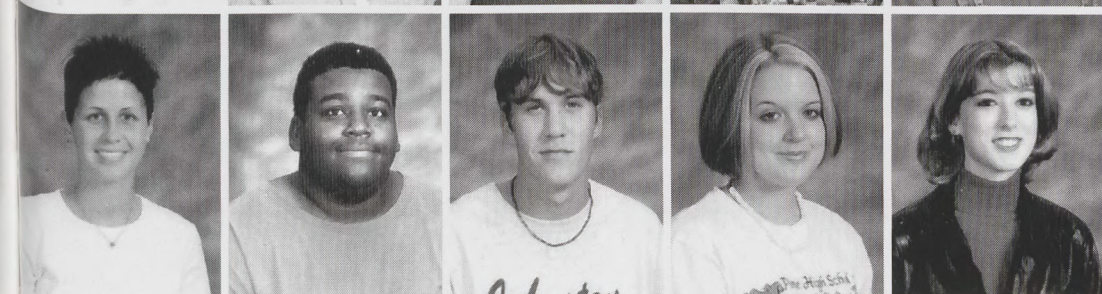
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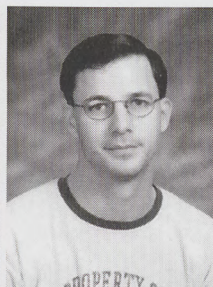
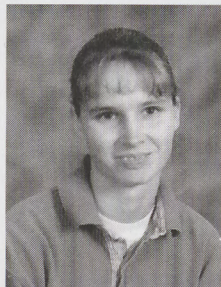


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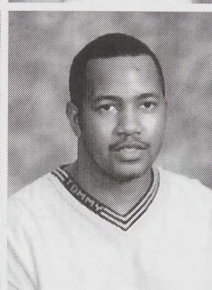
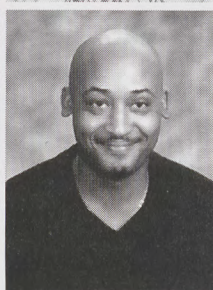


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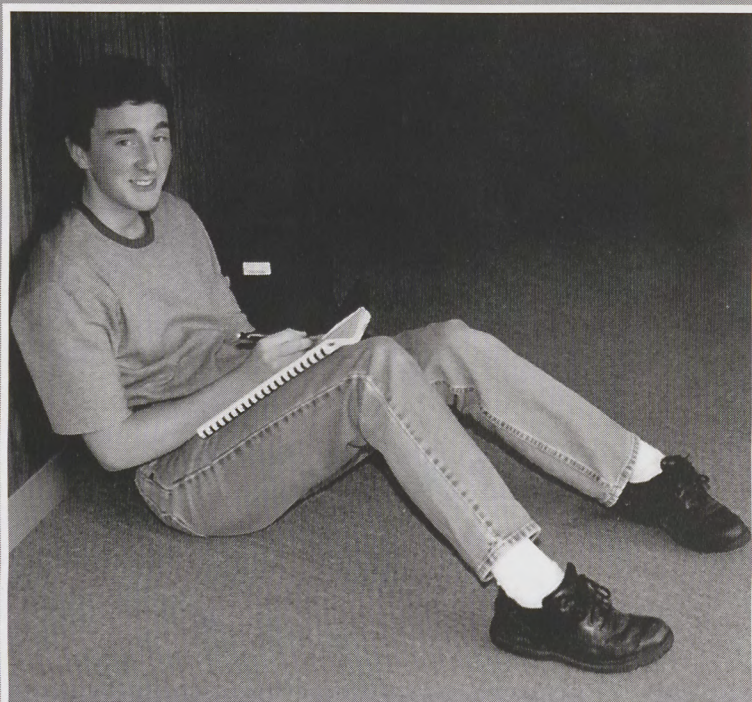
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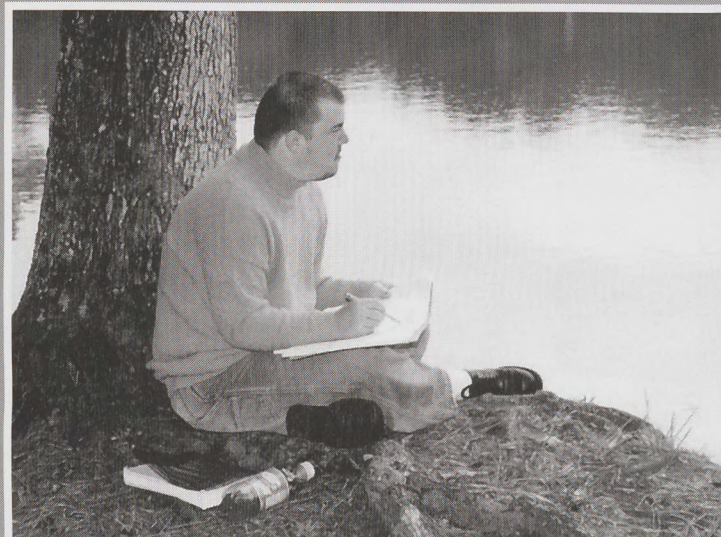
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### *Necessary props...*

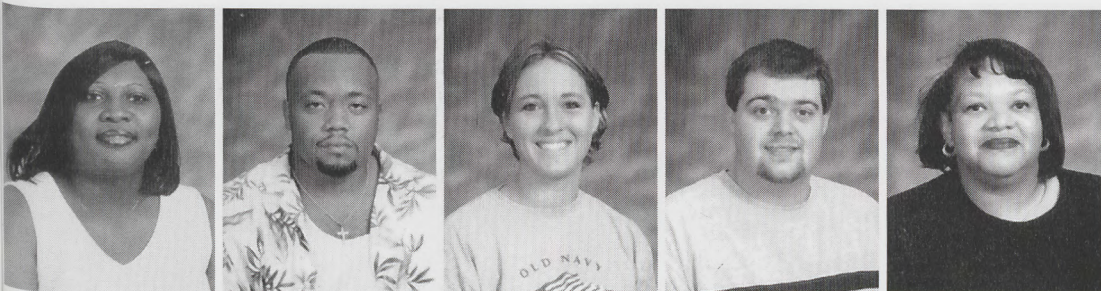


Whether propping against a wall as Dennis Boyd does between classes in the Science Building or against a tree beside Bear Lake as Shannon Wallace does during art class, the challenges of college often cause students to search for a place to prop to rest or work.

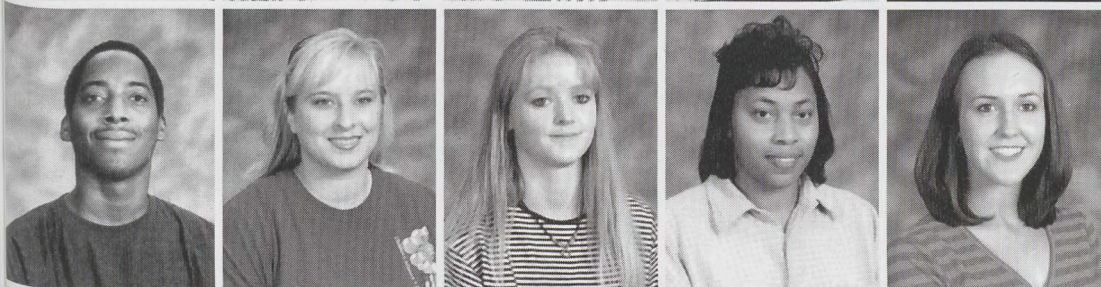




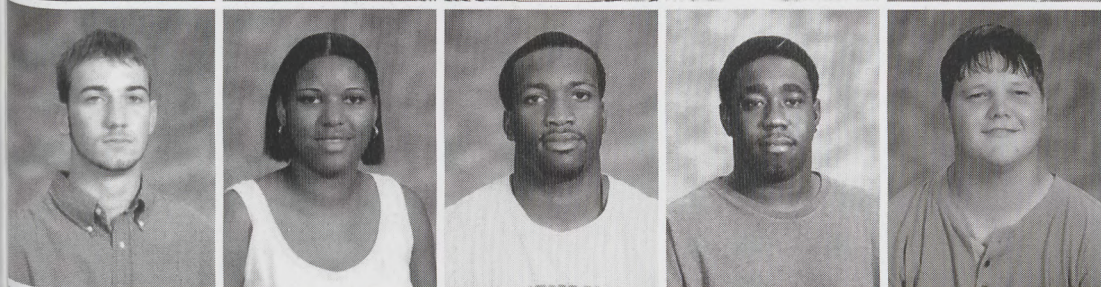
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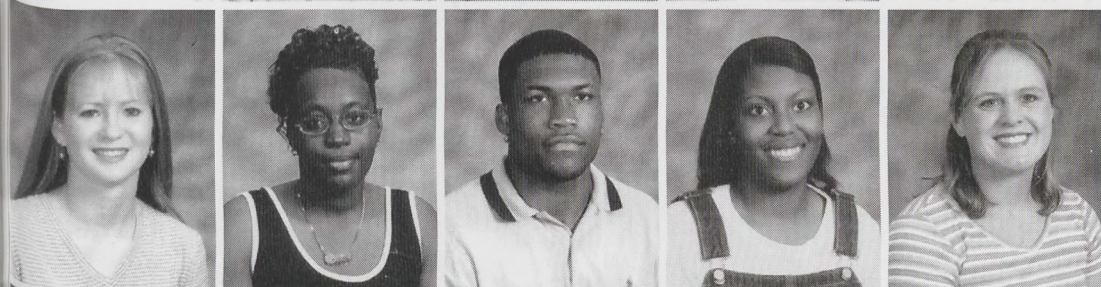
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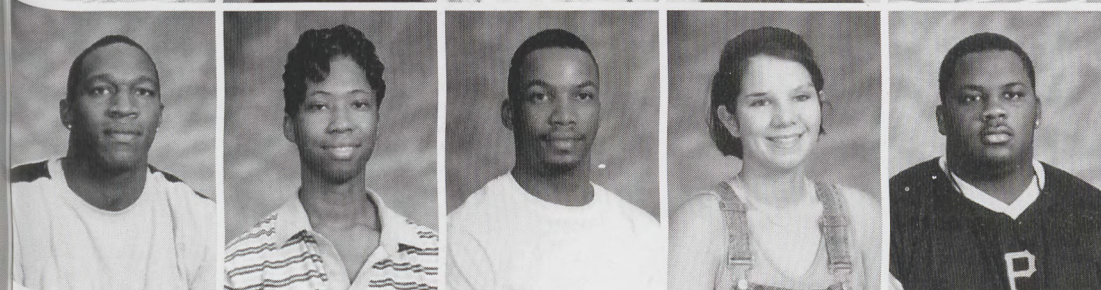
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Jayess



**Cassidy Thompson**  
Amite, LA  
**Dameon Thompson**  
Amite, LA  
**Jennifer Thompson**  
Magnolia  
**Jessica Thompson**  
Foxworth  
**Andre Thornton**  
Magnolia



**Natalie Thurman**  
Gloster  
**Donna Tillery**  
Roxie  
**Ronell Tillman**  
Ponchatoula, LA  
**Lakedra Tobias**  
Summit  
**Crystal Travis**  
Osyka



**Sedric Travis**  
Magnolia  
**Theresa Travis**  
Greensburg, LA  
**Alfer Tucker**  
McComb  
**Charlsa Turner**  
Grosse Tele, LA  
**Kevin Turner**  
Hammond, LA



# ■ Tullos ■

Aaron Tullos  
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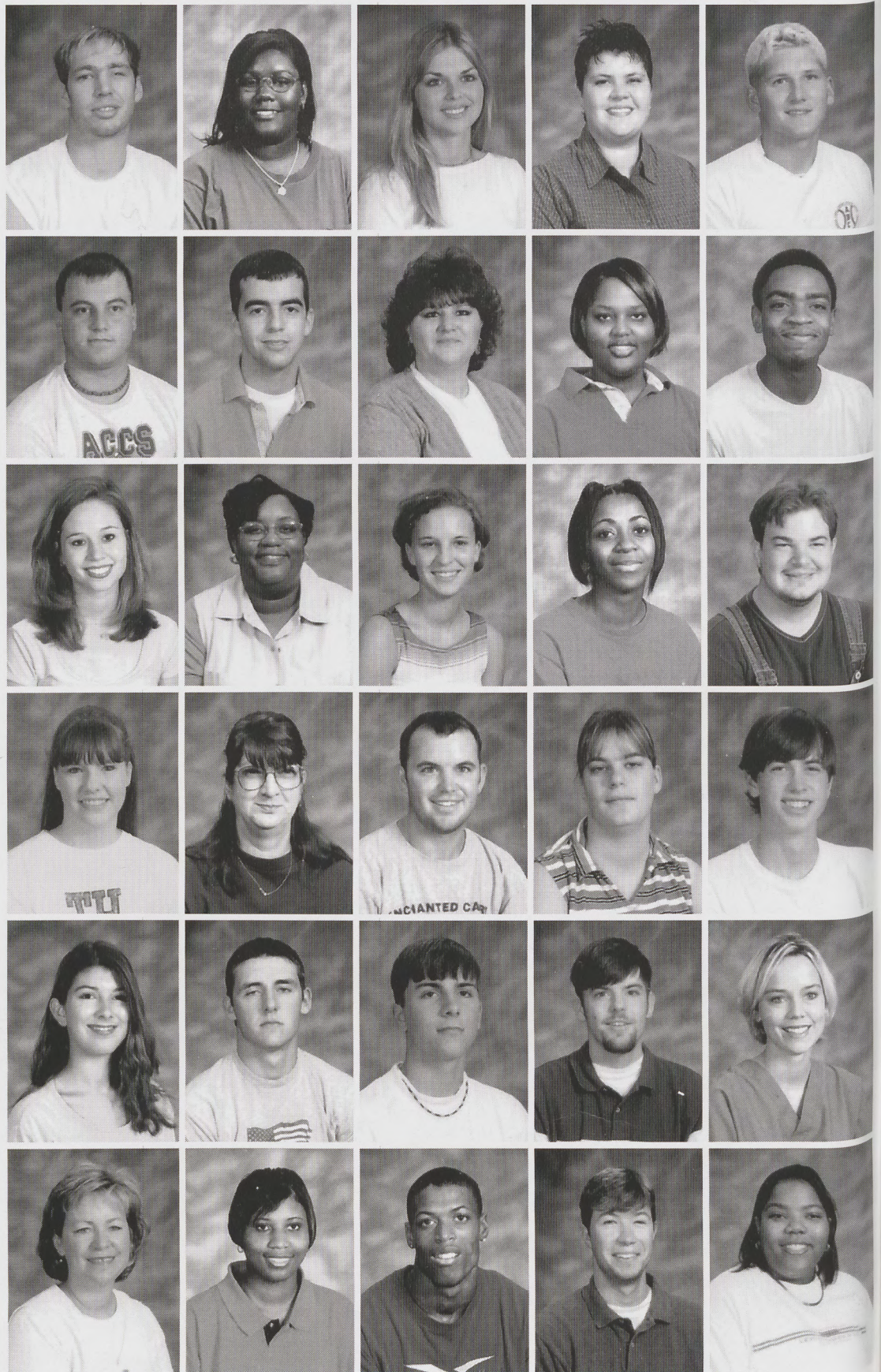
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Liberty  
Nikki Wall  
Magnolia  
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Gwangi Wallace  
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Sandra Wallace  
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Jacob Walley  
McComb

Brandi Walsh  
Liberty  
John Buford Walsh  
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Samuel Walsh  
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Charles Walter  
Purvis  
Mindy Ward  
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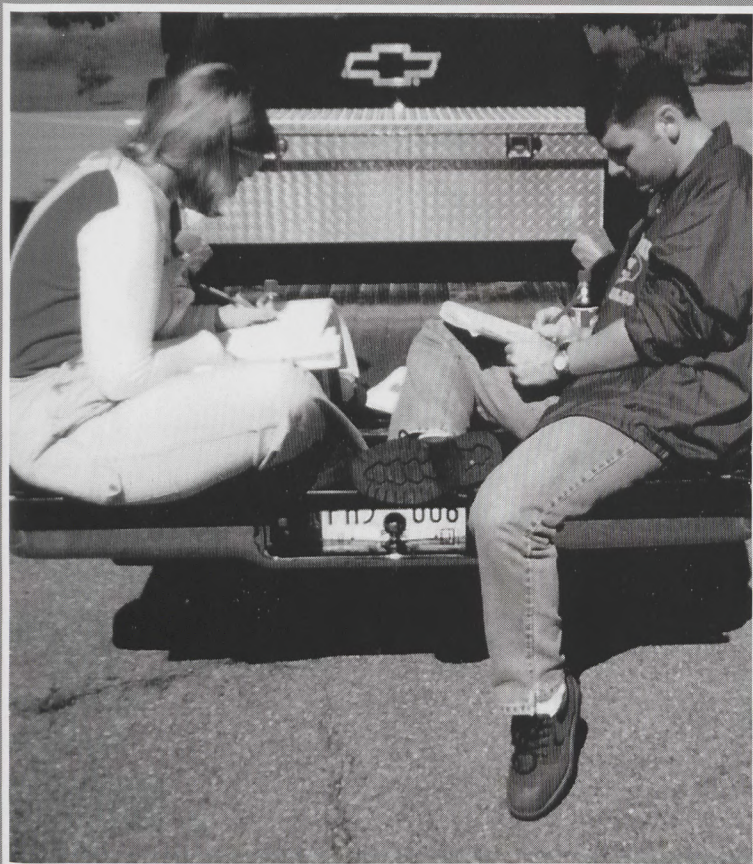
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**Judy Wells**  
*Liberty*

**Marcus Wells**  
*Monticello*  
**Armetra Westbrook**  
*Smithdale*  
**Jonathan Westbrook**  
*Smithdale*  
**Edith Westmoreland**  
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### Visiting the Great Outdoors...



Stacie Meyer and Brian Dykes discover that the great outdoors and a tailgate make the perfect place for lunch and for studying.



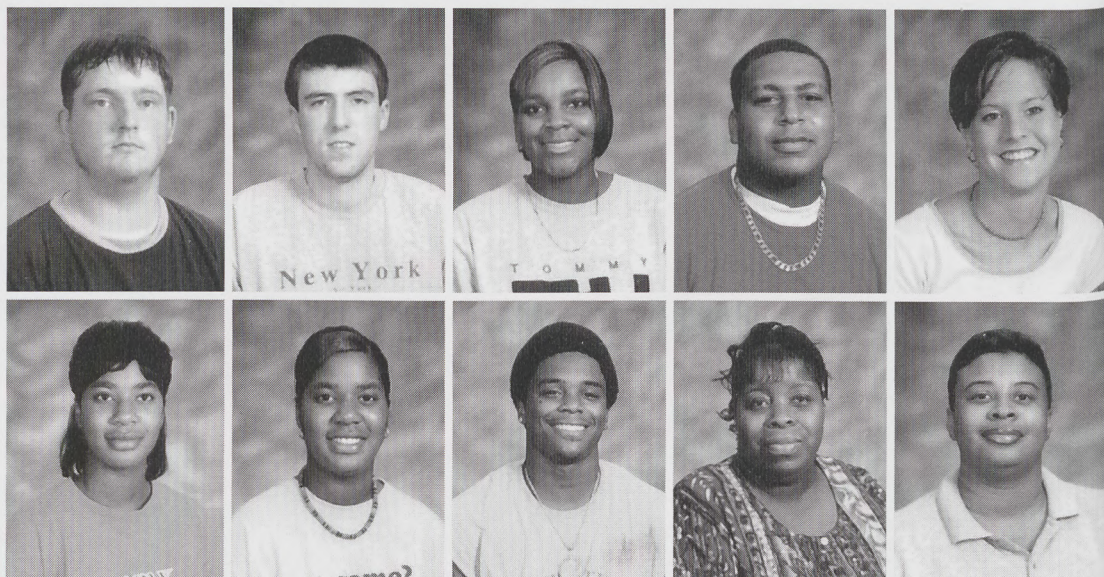
After lunch each day, many couples like Arthur Smith and Denita Lollis find a bench, sit, and enjoy the great outdoors.



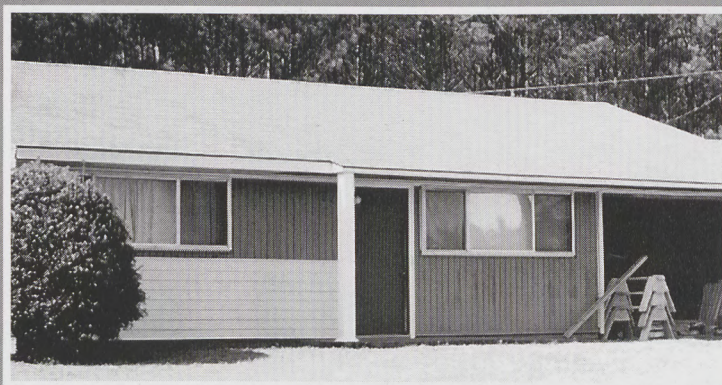
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### *Campus gets needed facelifts...*



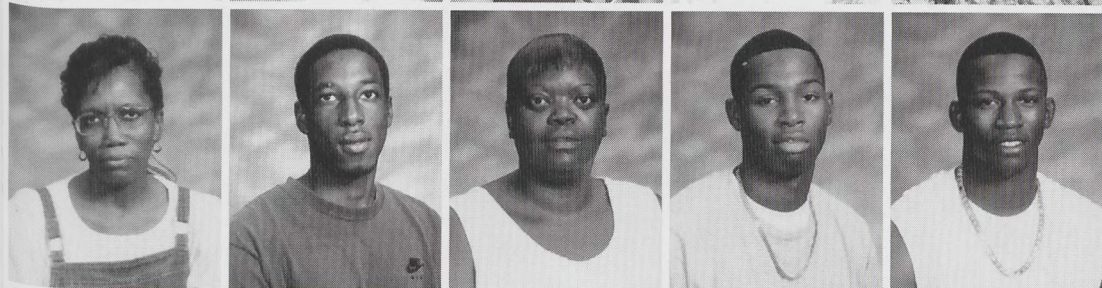
While staff apartments receive vinyl siding and new paint, landscapers beautify the library grounds and campus entrance. Spring 2000 brought "spring cleaning" to campus.



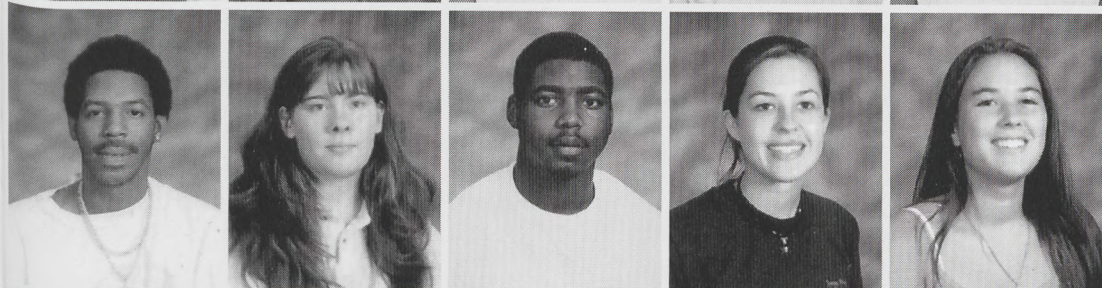
# ■ Yszara ■



**Salena Whitehead**  
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**Alexis Whittington**  
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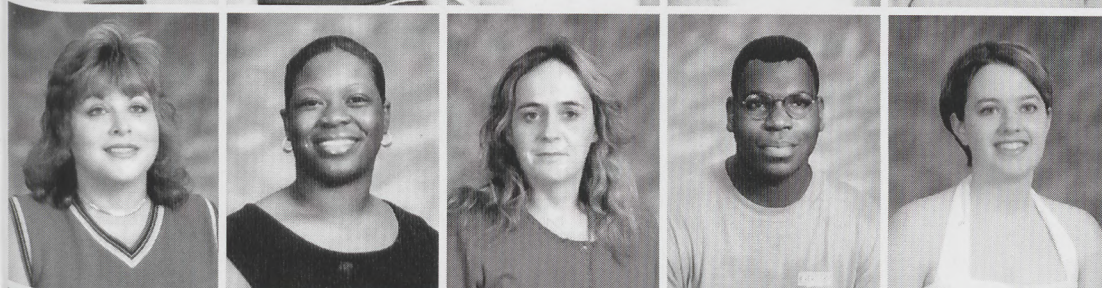
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**Joseph Williams, Jr.**  
*Magnolia*



**Joseph Williams, Jr.**  
*McComb*  
**Karen Williams**  
*Smithdale*  
**Kendrick Williams**  
*McComb*  
**Leslie Williams**  
*Osyka*  
**Melissa Williams**  
*Loranger, LA*



**Roy Williams**  
*Deland, FL*  
**Kelly Williamson**  
*Bogue Chitto*  
**Melanie Wilson**  
*Osyka*  
**Michelle Wilson**  
*Summit*  
**Tammy Womack**  
*Monticello*



**Mary Ann Wood**  
*Jayess*  
**Lakeysa Woodall**  
*McComb*  
**Tammy Woodard**  
*Sandy Hook*  
**Cornelius Young**  
*Jackson*  
**Danielle Young**  
*Baker, LA*



**Nick Young**  
*Smithdale*  
**Cori Youngblood**  
*Tylertown*  
**Denise Youngblood**  
*Tylertown*  
**Virginia Youngblood**  
*Tylertown*  
**Marci Yszara**  
*Osyka*



# G

# ood food, ood friends —

## essentials for good fellowship



**W**herever you found food, you found friends, or at least that was what it seemed this past year for students.

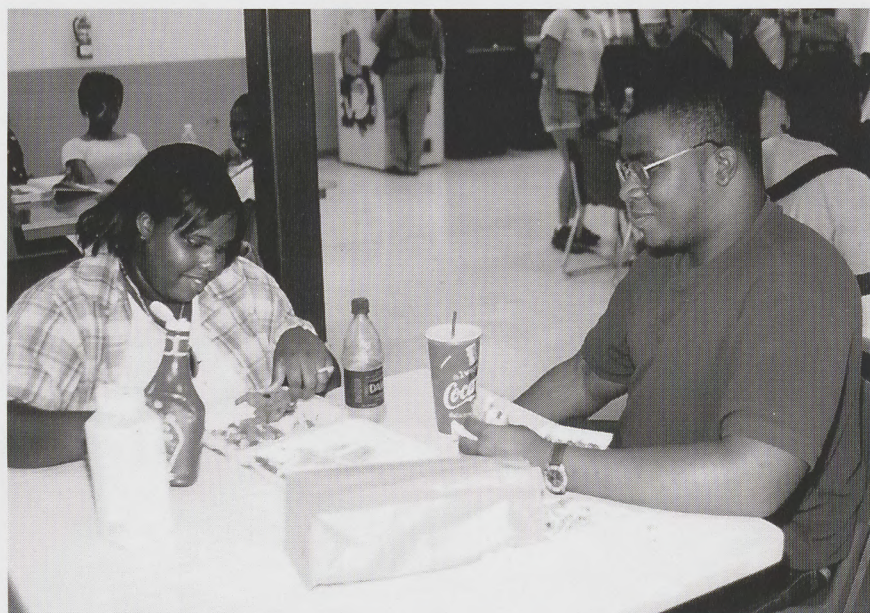
Many discovered the “Freshman Fifteen” early in the semester and spent the rest of the semester trying to shed the unwanted addition.

But, students gained something more than pounds during meals at the cafeteria, grill, or organizational meetings. They gained friends who sat beside or across the way from them.

Friends...now that's an essential worth gaining.

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Some may think they are seeing double when they see twins Colleen and Colette White eating ice cream treats.



Many students like Alicia Sandifer and Jason Ellzey prefer going to the grill for lunch where they can study for the next class, watch TV, play a quick game of pool, or just sit and relax.

**Grill ■ Cafeteria ■ Food ■ Friends**



Sandra Dillon, Samantha Anderson, Lucy Tate, and Carolyn Hampton grab a quick lunch in the grill, where they enjoy a good meal and good conversation.





Glenda Haney prepares for one of the many groups that use the facilities for meetings and banquets.



Jessica Longmire and Lindsey Talbert choose an alternative to the regular food line.



Brant Kogel, having completed his meal, stays to visit with Mary Leigh Havard, who carefully examines her food before taking that first bite.

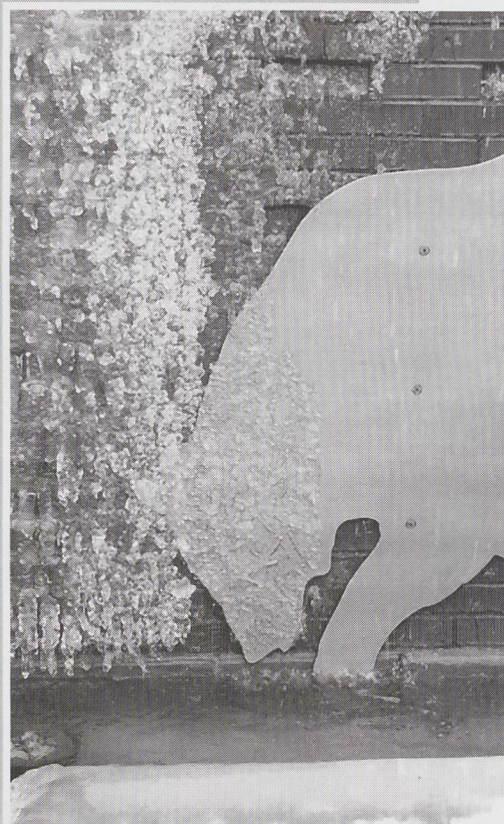


With fork aimed for attack, Joy Cothren discusses the day's events before digging in to a nutritious meal.



# S tudents gear up for new year, pring sports, spring semester

## 2001 Winter Blast



In early January the campus glistened like a scene from a Christmas card. The ice, freezing temperatures, blustery wind, occasional flakes of snow, and icy drizzle made everyone shiver.

A new year brings new promises, new resolutions for new beginnings. For Southwest students, the new year meant a new semester of work, reunions with old friends, opportunities to make new friends, another registration, changing seasons, and approaching spring sports.

Students returning to campus on January 5, 2001, for registration faced frigid temperatures with lows in the teens and highs in the upper twenties to mid thirties. The winter that had missed the sunny South for several years decided to blast its way into campus in January 2001.

But, as quickly as the frigid northern air came, the southern air moved in during early February, bringing severe thunderstorms, tornado warnings, and temperatures in the low seventies. Yet, students were prepared for the stormy weather, thanks to routine tornado drills held across campus each semester. With the first touch of spring in the air weeks before the official beginning of spring, athletes moved outdoors to take advantage of the warmer temperatures in preparation and anticipation of the spring ball seasons.

February marked another milestone for many Bears — football signings. After football season ended, intense negotiations began by senior colleges to lure Bears into commitments to attend their institutions after their days at Southwest ended. Although many Bears committed early, some waited until the final day, February 7, to commit.

After a much needed rest during Christmas holidays, faculty, staff, and students faced the new year with new energy and new hope.

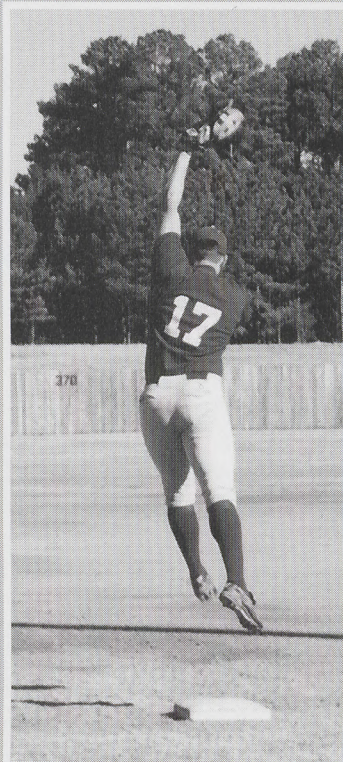
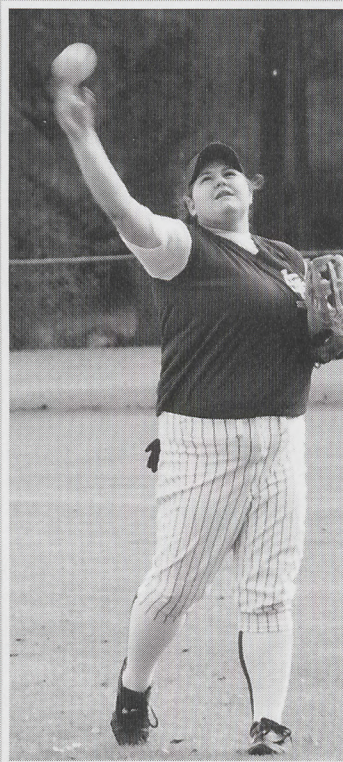
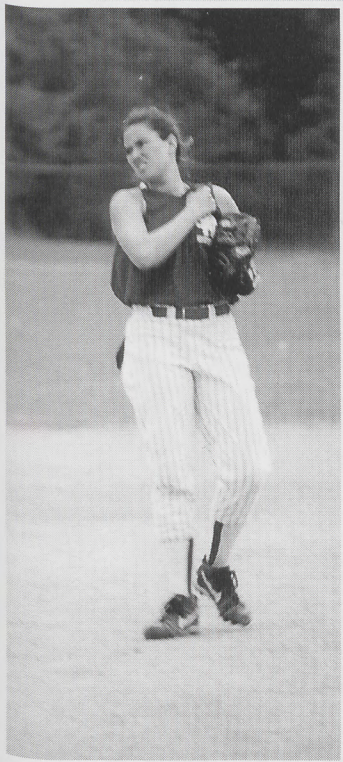






As part of their daily drills, players Jason Chabreck, Andy Lange, and Mark Barrilleaux hit grounders to infielders.

## Spring Swingers



When game day rolls around, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get serious like Melissa Williams, but during practice, it's time to throw as Laura Graves or to cover your base like Brant Kogel. Either way, spring swingers stay busy practicing the essentials.



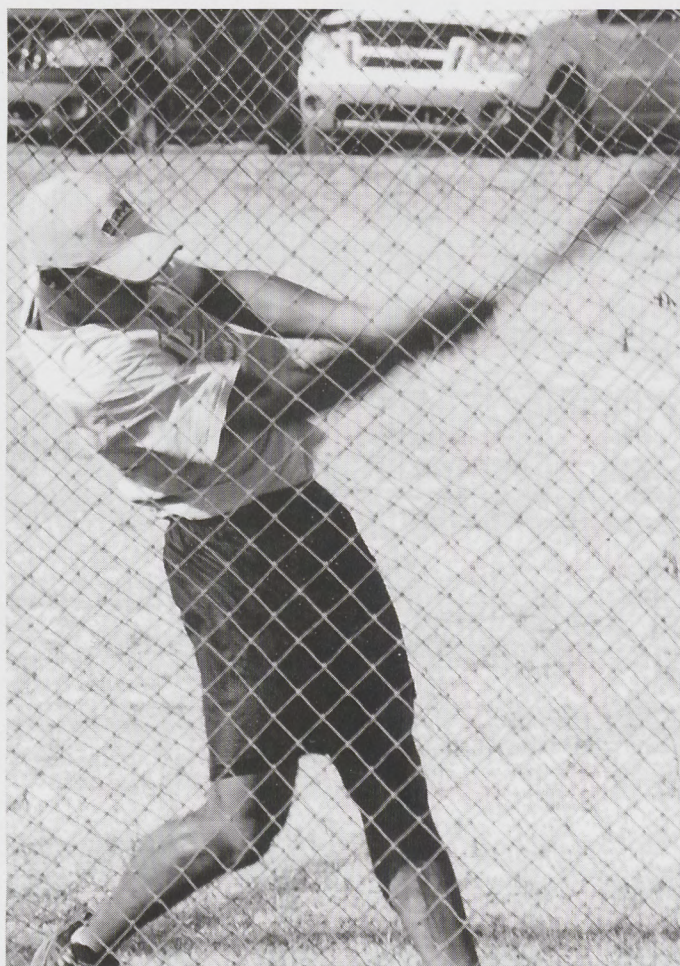
After months of training and conditioning, weather permits the squad to move outdoors for their first intersquad scrimmage, which allows Coach Larry Holmes an opportunity to discuss strategy.



Andy Lange hurls one over homeplate while Richard Flacomio covers third.



During their first intersquad scrimmage, Josh Wilkinson and Brant Kogel wait on deck while Dustin Wilkinson gets a hit, leaving Doug Lagroue's grove empty.



Warming up before scrimmage, Joe Williams spends some time in the batting cage.

## 2001 Football Signees

Don Gibson	Tulsa
Reginald Reece	Tulsa
Clifton Collins	Ole Miss
Carlos Thompson	Central Florida
Anthony Bonds	Marshall
Mike Mabry	Central Florida
Jamie Jackson	Nicholls State
Michael Washington	Charleston Southern
Jacob Prim	McNeese State
Reggie Anderson	NW Oklahoma
Andreco Hines	Middle Tennessee
Clayton Crawford	Mississippi College
Ike Hall	NW Oklahoma
Desmond Collins	Murray State

— Moving forward with *Bear Essentials* —





Dana Monistere, Charlsa Turner, Jessica Monistere, Amber Harvey



## Learning Essential Survival Skills



Michelle Frazier, Candice Johnson, Sasha Taylor, Nanyamka Foster

**T**o equip students with the necessary tools to protect themselves against harm in a tornado, Southwest conducts tornado drills each semester. During the fall drill, students in classes moved to the designated areas in each building, while dorm students like these moved to places of shelter inside tubs. Although tornadoes are possible during any season, warm spring weather provides the perfect conditions for funnel sightings.



# G raduates celebrate accomplishments, anticipate challenges

With smiles of relief, Keri May, Melane Crosby, Della Hamilton, and Sonia Woodward demonstrate that maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA at Southwest is not an impossible feat.



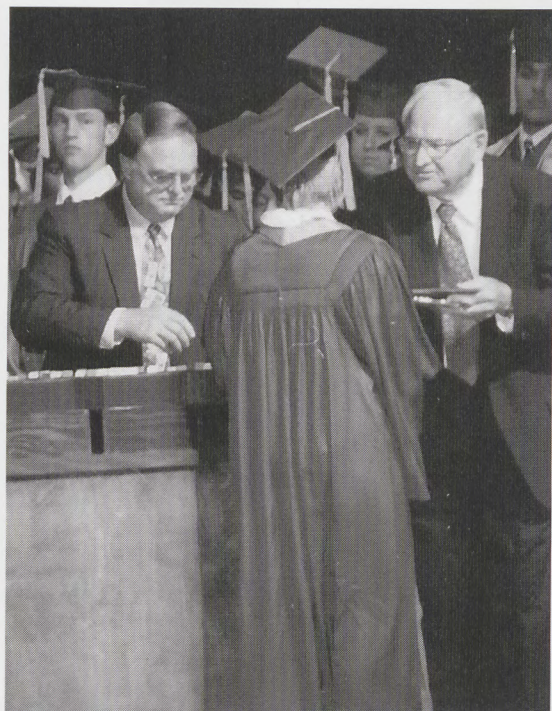
During the 82nd annual commencement exercises, 337 graduates marched across the stage, received certificates or degrees, and faced new challenges - either the workplace or continued education.

To accommodate the many family and friends who shared in this momentous event, Southwest divided the exercises into two nights. On May 4, 2000, two ceremonies marked the night. The traditional ADN pinning ceremony began the evening. After the pinning ceremony, these new nurses changed to traditional caps and gowns, re-entered the auditorium, and became Southwest's first graduates for 2000. Dr. Victor Walsh, an ordained minister and local dentist, addressed the graduates. Southwest's music instructor, Joe Elliott, followed by singing

"This is the Moment."

With standing room only, friends and families gathered once again Friday evening, May 5, 2000, for the second commencement exercise. Dr. Van D. Quick, former Vice-President of Alumni and Student Affairs at Mississippi College, was the guest speaker. Joe Elliott's rendition of "One More Time" complemented the evening. By the end of the second ceremony, President Holmes had presented 188 AA degrees, 110 AS degrees, and 39 certificates.

To Southwest, graduation is an essential part of its academic year. It marks the culmination of a graduate's two-year journey and the beginning of his/her future. To graduates, this is the moment to celebrate their accomplishments and to visit with classmates and instructors one more time before leaving their days as Bears behind.



Graduates receive more than a diploma and a handshake from President Holmes. To each graduate he extended his sincere congratulations and best wishes.

As ADN Director Jane McGrew pins, Jackie Brister looks to share this moment with his family. For many nursing students, their journey through the program required much sacrifice and support from family and friends.

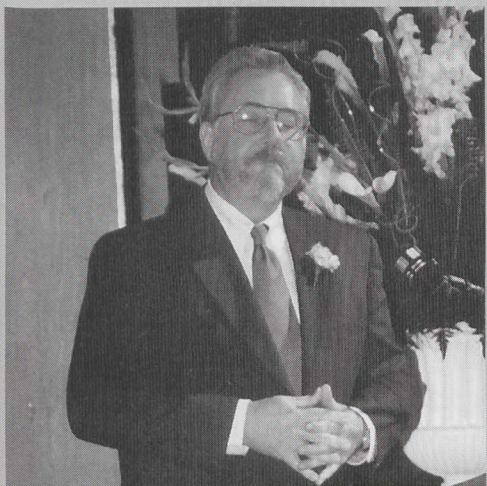






Using steady hands and slow movements to avoid extinguishing her candle, Kim Toler gazes ahead to her future where, as a health care professional, she will be a shining light to her world.

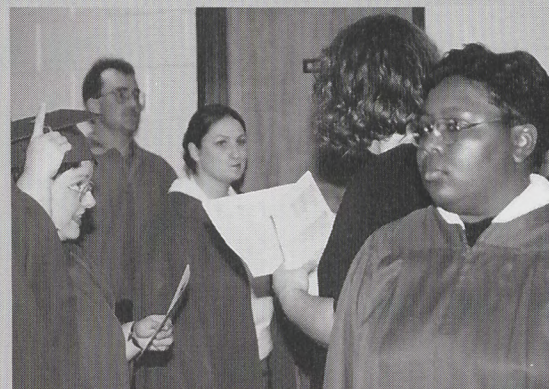
Many graduates like Jerry Reno and Donna Ricard saw their dreams come true on May 5, 2000.



Dr. Victor Walsh (top) and Dr. Van Quick (bottom) encouraged graduates to be positive contributors to their profession and community.



Joe Elliott offered his words of encouragement to the graduates through song.



After two long years of lectures, studying, tests, and clinicals, nursing graduates Summer Poole, Rashanda Isaac, Norma Sheppard, and Wacanda Simmons listen intently to one last "lecture."

Straightening her tassel before beginning the great march, Sandra Blackwell listens as Alicia Shows gives last minute instructions to graduates.



# Bear Essentials

## Bear reviewing - a collage of memories

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What are *Bear Essentials*? Simply stated, they are the essentials for excellence that students learn during their days as Southwest Bears. More specifically, they are the skills, characteristics, and qualities acquired by Southwest students in dorms, classrooms, organizations, or athletics that transfer to the workplace, university setting, home, and community.

As Bears, students learned that inquisitive minds, determination, discipline, perseverance, motivation, cooperation, professionalism, time management, and strong study skills guide success. They learned to respect differences, to overcome homesickness, to share space with others, to adjust to different learning environments, to develop their talents, to become independent researchers yet co-workers in group projects, to seek others of common religious beliefs, and to become involved in leadership roles and community activities.

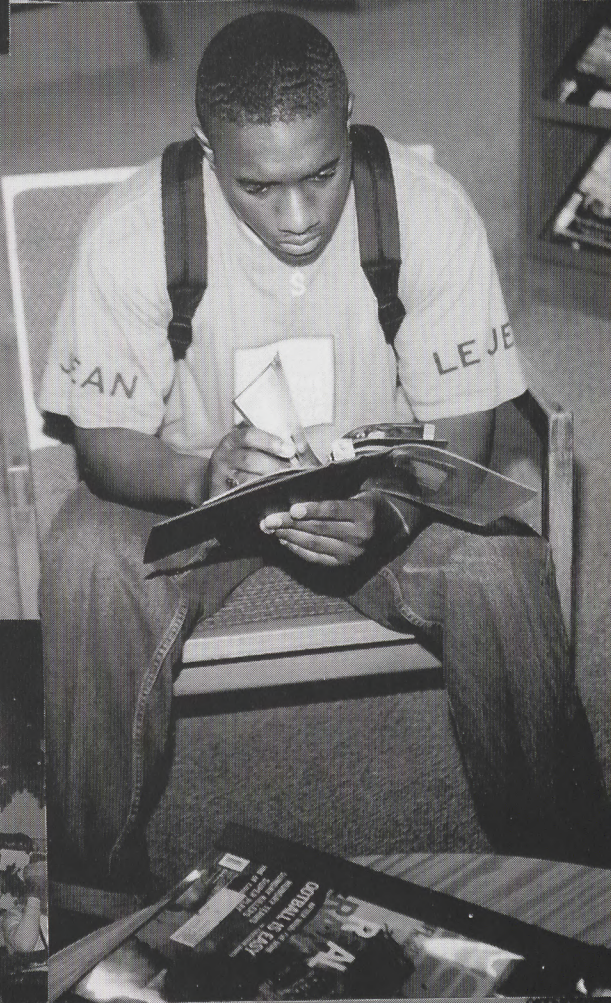
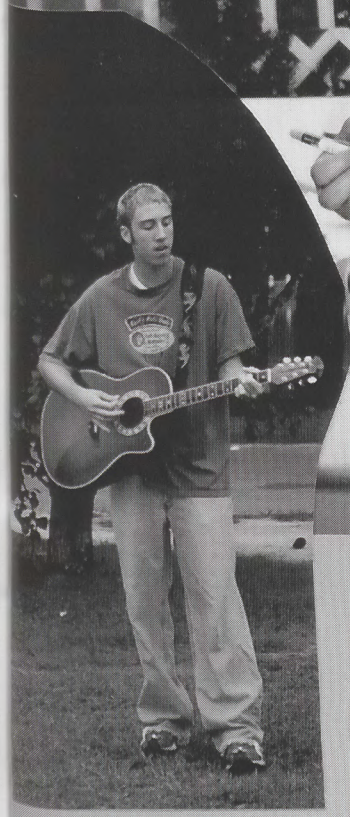
Participation in organizations encouraged students to stay informed, strive for excellence, recruit others, maintain good health, be competitive, follow the rules, function as one team, pursue professional development, market themselves, discipline themselves, pray often, make positive memories, make joyful noises, or appreciate the arts.

Therefore, one cannot leave Southwest untouched by the experience. Students who leave this institution cannot spend hours in study, cheer for the mighty Bears, walk through the winding trails, fish in Bear Lake, admire the foliage in full bloom, or cross its bridges without taking a piece of Southwest with them in their hearts. So, students leave with a love for Southwest, a collage of memories, and more importantly...*Bear Essentials*.

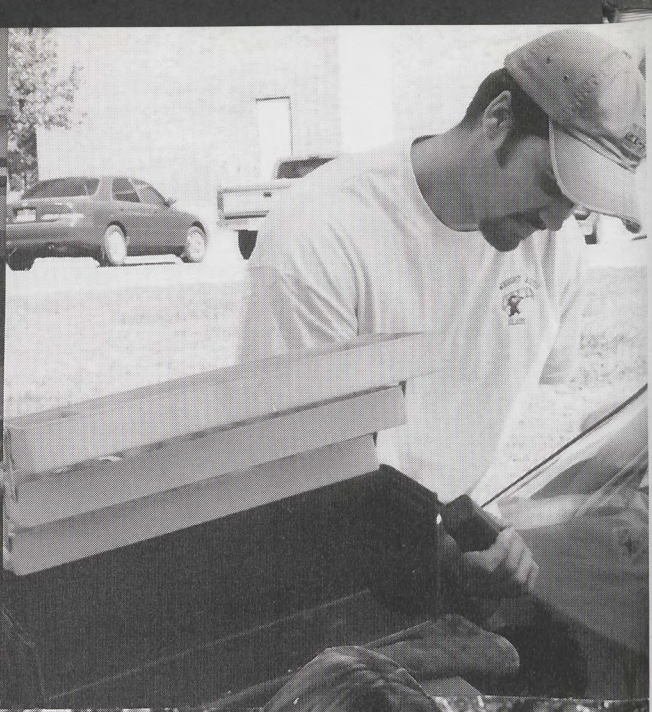
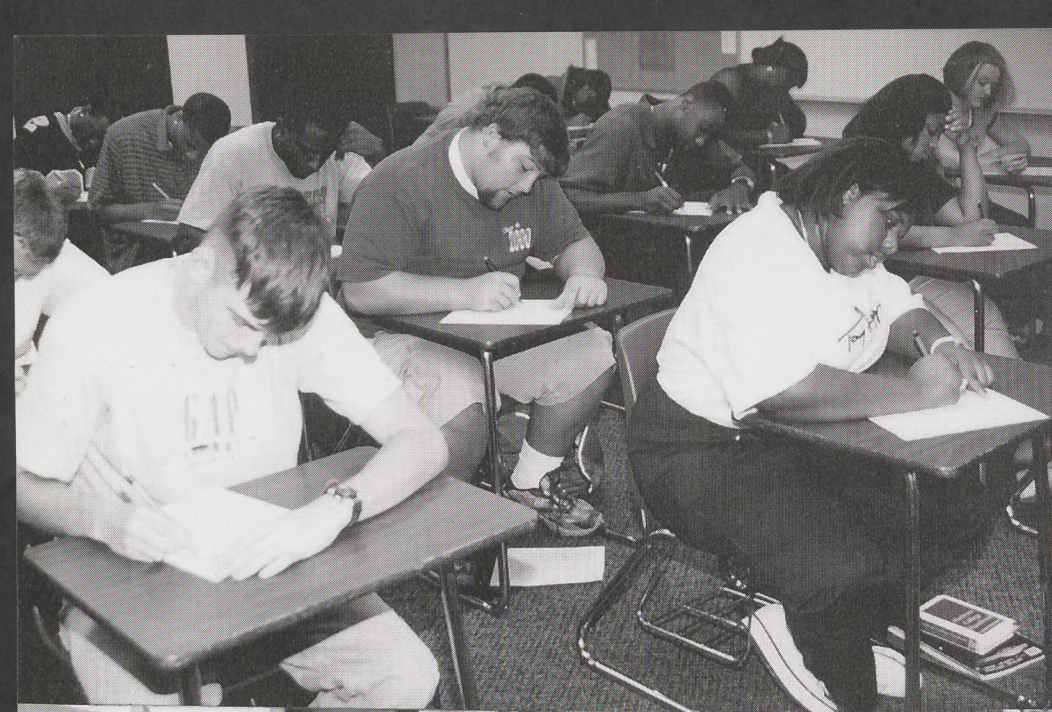
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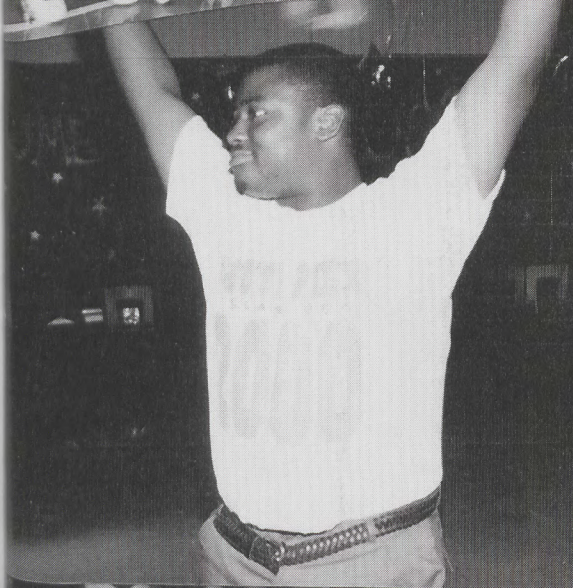
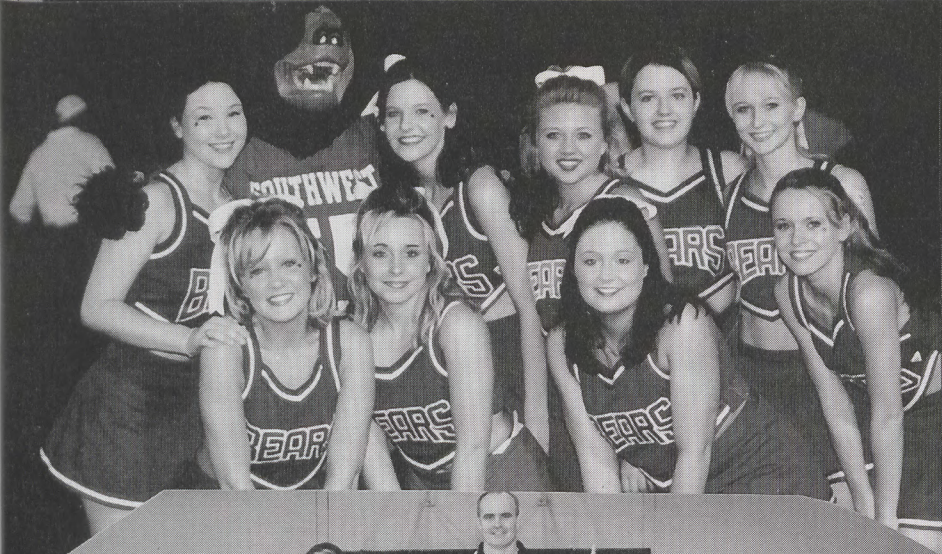














# Essential Bears

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Addison, Justin  
Addison, Latoria  
Addison, Tawnyna  
Aguilar, Vickie  
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Alexander, Brenda  
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Alexander, Jeffery  
Alexander, Jennifer  
Alexander, Kasey  
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Allen, Beverly  
Allen, Isabel  
Allen, Leigh  
Allen, Mareeta  
Allison, Troy  
Almonte, Jr., Anthony  
Anderson, Leigh  
Anderson, Sarah  
Anderson, Shirley  
Anderson, Sylena  
Andrew, Veronica  
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Andrews, Daniel  
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Anthony, Doris  
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Applewhite, Courtney  
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Ard, Brandy  
Ard, Debra  
Ard, LaShonda  
Armstrong, Jonathan  
Armstrong, Justin  
Arnold, Sandra  
Artmann, Kristy  
Ashley, Carrie  
Ashley, Decley  
Ashley, Kristina

## B

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Baham, Kalli  
Bailey, Marty  
Baiza, Nicole  
Bales, Vicky  
Ball, Debbie  
Ballhagen, Carlas  
Banks, Nicholas  
Banks, Shakela  
Banks, Tiffani  
Bankston, Brigitte  
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Barber, Rosalie  
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Barksdale, Denisha  
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Barnes, Devin  
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Barrilleaux, Mark  
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Barron, Tammy  
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Beard, Linda

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Berkley, Regina  
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Binz, Steve  
Bionghi, Lila  
Birch, Sharon  
Birdsong, Brittany  
Blackwell, Christopher  
Blackwell, David  
Blackwell, Lora  
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Blue, Janna  
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Boyd, Laci  
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Bozeman, Regina  
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Budde, Colleen  
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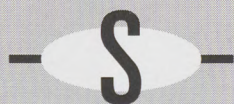
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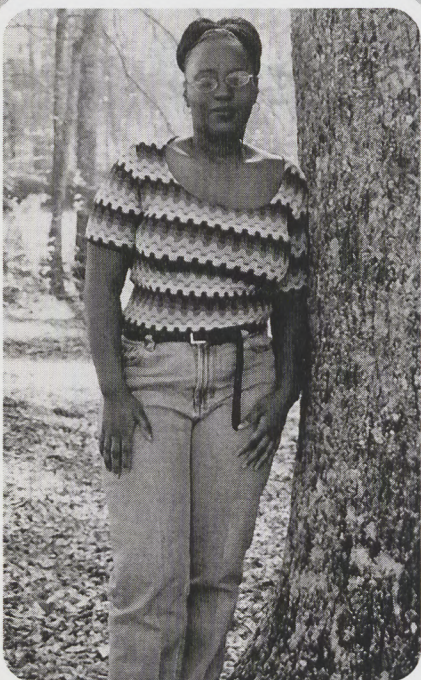
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